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CATCH THIEF AT TURKEY DINNER

John Murray, Wanted for $7,000 Silk Robbery at Quincy, Ill., Captured as He Carves.

HIS ARREST IMPORTANT.

Police Believe They Have Leader of Gang Which Has Stolen Goods Valued at $70,000.

RECOVER COSTLY FABRICS.

Detectives Surprise Paroled Convict at Table with Mrs. Johann Bryant and Children While Others Search the Flat.

TELESCOPE VALISES A CLEW.

While carving a Christmas turkey, John Murray, credited by the police with being the leader in recent burglaries in various cities of the West the plunder of which has been valued at $70,000, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Russell and Stephens of the Central Station. Murray was in a house at 518 West Harrison street surrounded by several children, to whom he was dealing out large slices of a well browned turkey when the detectives rushed in on him, placed a revolver at his head, and compelled him to surrender.

While the capture was being effected Detectives Barry, McCarthy, and Tobin searched through the building, and their diligent quest was rewarded by the discovery of four large telescope valises filled to their utmost capacity with imported silks valued at from $5,000 to $7,000. These goods, it is said, were stolen on Christmas eve from the dry-goods store of Kespohl & Mohrenstecher in Quincy, Ill. A reward of $200 was offered for the recovery of the stolen goods.

Murray was locked up at the Central Station and the police are looking for his comrade, who is thought to be in Chicago. He is a paroled convict from the Joliet penitentiary, known to the police as "Red" Kenny and "Bloomington Red."

Consider Arrest Important.

The police look on Murray's arrest as one of the most important in some time. They declare that he, operating with one other man, has fairly placed the authorities of neighboring cities at defiance, and during the holiday season has reaped a large harvest by his work. Among the cities visited by the two are Ottawa, Ill.; Detroit, Beloit, Wis.; Elkhart, Ind.; Michigan City, Indianapolis, Dubuque, Kansas City, and Stevens Point, Wis. In all of these places the police have attempted in vain to catch the perpetrators of burglaries which were all confined to large retail and wholesale silk houses, and which resulted in losses which foot up to nearly $70,000.

Burglary on Christmas Eve.

The burglary at Quincy on Christmas eve, which led to Murray's arrest and the recovery of the stolen goods, was not discovered until yesterday morning. The store of Kespohl & Mohrenstecher, when opened by the clerks, was found to have been emptied of all its imported silks. Entrance had been gained through a basement window, and the burglars, relying on the Christmas cheer which pervaded the streets, went at their work systematically. Ninety-five pieces of costly fabrics were packed into telescopes, the robbers replacing the empty paper casing on the shelves, and so well did the marauders work that they escaped from the store unperceived, walking a couple of blocks from the store toward the depot and then hiring a cab.

Indeed, they were seen by late loiterers as they emerged from the alley with the telescopes, but this fact was unknown until the Quincy police were informed. Then trace of the pair was secured, by means of the bulky telescopes, to a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger train which left Quincy for Chicago at 2 o'clock a. m. A telegram was sent to this city, but it was delivered three hours after the train came in, and the telescopes had been removed from the station before the police arrived.

Expressman Gives a Clew.

From the expressman who removed the baggage the officers learned that one of the men had gone to 518 West Harrison street. Accordingly at noon the five officers, armed with a search warrant, went to the number, where a three-story building stood. While Detectives Russell and Stephens went to the third flat, occupied by Mrs. Johann Bryant, the others began a systematic search of the building. The two officers on entering saw Murray sitting at the head of a dinner table, while Mrs. Bryant and her children were gathered about the festive board.

Murray instantly jumped to his feet, but the prompt use of revolvers by the officers calmed him and he submitted to arrest.

Many Silk Houses Robbed.

Robberies of large silk houses in cities near Chicago have been extensive, and the similarity of the operations, which have defied the best efforts of the provincial police, have given rise to the belief that they were all committed by the same persons. The series of silk burglaries began several months ago, when a store at Ottawa was robbed of $7,000 worth of merchandise. For this job Thomas Redmond was arrested and was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years. His "pal" escaped, and Murray, known more widely among the police as "Bloomington Red," has been sought on the charge of complicity in the robbery.

Work During Holiday Rush.

For a time after the Ottawa burglary the marauders laid low, but with the commencement of the holiday rush they again began work. Reports of large burglaries, similar in detail and execution, came to Chicago. Six weeks ago $5,000 worth of silks were stolen in Beloit, and shortly after burglaries at Elkhart, Indianapolis, and Michigan City aggregating $40,000 were reported. The police of the entire country was aroused to extra activity by the bold work, but the burglars transferred their scene of operations to Wisconsin and there continued their work. Stevens Point was visited and then the criminals jumped to Dubuque, where they made a haul of $10,000 worth of goods.

SUMMARY OF The Daily Tribune.

LOCAL.

John Murray, said to be a skillful burglar, was arrested by Central Station detectives at 518 West Harrison street and silks valued at $5,000 to $7,000, alleged proceeds of burglary in Quincy, Ill., were found in house.

Foreman McCoy of the December grand jury says no evidence has been secured to warrant indictments of city officials for complicity in crime. Intimidation of witnesses alleged.

Traction plans of Street Railway commission include scheme for municipal ownership, the plants to be acquired by issue of certificates, to be paid from traffic receipts.

Marriage notice informed relatives of G. C. Lawrence, Evanston, student at Harvard, that real name of his actress bride is Ivy Christine Langlois.

Six thousand persons given free dinners at Tattersall's. Special feasts were also provided at penal and charitable institutions.

Three robbers who atempted to hold up Joseph Suits' saloon, 1934 State street, were beaten off by the bartender.

Daniel E. Root, former County Commissioner and ex-President of Cook County Democracy, is dead.

Union farewell services to nineteenth century will be held on Sunday evening by Evanston churches.

Professor Harris, "king of the wire," fell and was killed at performance in Bordentown, N. J.

Fireman Fred Reichentroph rescued two women from burning house at 262 Orleans street.

Elsie Freeman tried to kill herself because Samuel C. McCune married another woman.

Volunteer life-savers rescued crew of barge George Dunbar, stranded on Racine Reef.

Soroto Poretta, 93 Polk street, died after partaking too freely of Christmas wine.

Naturalists of Central and Western States meet at Chicago University tomorrow.

Christmas cheer was productive of usual number of fights and disturbances.

Philip Stanger, 782 Lincoln avenue, died suddenly while rocking his baby.

Receipts of Chicago Postoffice for year $7,048,816; increase of $701,495.

Bishop McCabe will sail from New York for South America on Jan. 8.

James Wadsworth, resident of Chicago fifty-five years, is dead.

Nieces of B. Crocker learned of $50,000 inheritance in California.

Mrs. Mary Krieger, South Chicago, lost $950, savings of years.

Special Christmas services held in most Chicago churches.

Edwin L. Brand, pioneer photographer, is dead.

DOMESTIC.

Police of St. Joseph, Mo., say Pat Crowe, suspect in Cudahy abduction case, was seen in that city two days ago, and is probably there yet.

W. Irvine Shaw, recently appointed Consul General to Singapore, committed suicide in Philadelphia.

Frank Richardson, millionaire, mysteriously murdered in his doorway at Savannah, Mo.

Colonel Henry B. Harshaw, ex-State Treasurer of Wisconsin, died at Milwaukee.

White inhabitants of Cementville, Ind., under cover on account of race war.

Episcopal Bishop Coadjutor C. R. Hale of Springfield diocese, died at Cairo, Ill.

Indian ran amuck at Eufaula, Ind. T., killing three men and wounding one.

Illinois teachers start for Springfield today to attend annual convention.

FOREIGN.

Alfred Harmsworth, owner of thirty English periodicals, besides the London Mail, prophesies startling changes in journalism of coming century.

Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of bed chamber and friend of Queen Victoria, died suddenly at Osborne.

Cape Colony near military crisis, situation depending on arms and ammunition in hands of Boer sympathizers.

Pope is pleased over success of jubilee.

Marabout Bonamama, Algerian chief, has submitted to France.

Cape Town dispatch says fighting is going on near De Aar, but particulars are unobtainable.

Joint note of powers presented to Prince Ching and forwarded to Emperor and Empress.

Dr. Parker of London disappointed in the experiment as editor of newspaper.

Boulevards and cafés in Paris crowded by Christmas sightseers and shoppers.

Tuan and several other offending Chinese Princes said to be under arrest.

Senate's amendments to Hay-Pauncefote treaty approved in Russia.

Yaqui Indians ambushed Mexican soldiers in Sonora, killing thirty.

Moose charged express train in Manitoba and was killed.

WASHINGTON.

Not expected that special session of Congress will be necessary to dispose of legislation in need of immediate action.

Present program in Congress does not apparently contemplate final action on either canal or subsidy bill.

Idea gaining ground that President should have offices separate from his dwelling.

Washington shopkeepers had heaviest holiday trade in capital's history.

President and Mrs. McKinley passed a quiet day at the White House.

Only Cabinet officer likely to retire is Attorney General Griggs.

Passage of army reorganization in doubt.

NEW YORK.

Buchanan Winthrop, lawyer and treasurer of General Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church, died after operation for appendicitis.

Belated ocean liners La Normandie and State of Nebraska arrived in port.

Mother-in-law of John Fox Jr. denies that he has disappeared.

Believed that Chief of Police Devery will resign.

Rehearsals of ballet for French ball have begun.

Fire caused panic in Manhattan Music Hall.

POLITICAL.

Illinois politicians will move to Springfield next week.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

Paul Leroy Beaulieu urges formation of European Economical federation to check commercial growth in United States.

Telephones connected with cable and talk carried on between Key West and Havana.

Local coal dealers deny report from Philadelphia that supply here is short.

Chicago market for iron and steel is the most important in the world.

War among coke manufacturers has reduced price to $1.40 a ton.

Sumatra tobacco successfully grown in Connecticut.

SPORTING.

Hontas Crooke, Chicago horse owned by C. K. G. Billings, won every brush but one on New York speedway.

Mint Sauce won the Christmas Handicap at New Orleans.

RICH MAN SLAIN IN HIS DOORWAY.

Frank Richardson, Millionaire, Is Mysteriously Murdered at His Home in Savannah, Mo.

WIFE HEARS A QUARREL.

Listens to Husband Conversing with Unknown Man Just as Fatal Shot Is Fired.

POLICE SEARCH FOR CLEW.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Frank Richardson, a millionaire resident of Savannah, fourteen miles northeast of this city, was murdered by an unknown man in the hallway of his home last night soon after 9 o'clock. He was shot in the back of the head, the bullet passing through the brain. Death followed a few minutes later and before the victim uttered a word.

Mr. Richardson left the mercantile house of Fife & Richardson, in which he was a partner, at 8 o'clock last night, telling Mr. Fife he was going home, as he had an engagement with Mrs. Richardson to go to a gathering of friends to celebrate Christmas eve.

Shortly after 9 o'clock he arrived at the front door of his home, where Mrs. Richardson heard him talking to some one. She heard the person with her husband say, "Well, has it come to this?" Almost instantly there was a report of a revolver and she rushed to the door to find her husband in the hallway staggering from a fatal wound. He walked into the parlor and fell dead.

The person with whom Mr. Richardson had been talking immediately disappeared. Suspicion tonight points strongly to a prominent business-man of Savannah as being the murderer, but detectives who are working on the case say they have insufficient evidence to warrant the making of an arrest. It is strongly hinted there is a woman in the case.

His domestic relations were happy, as he was fond of his wife and three children, two sons and a daughter, the oldest being his 12-year-old son.

Frank Richardson was 42 years of age and was a member of an old and respected family of Missouri. His father, the late Major John D. Richardson, who was for many years a resident of Savannah, died in St. Joseph three years ago, having removed to that city only a short time before his death.

J. D. Richardson Jr., General Manager of the American Biscuit company, and for many years manager of the Sommer-Richardson factory of the American Biscuit company in St. Joseph, was his brother and he had two sisters. He was popular and it is not known he had an enemy on earth. The dead man was a large holder of the biscuit trust stock.

Four Shot, Two Seriously.

Carbondale, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Two men are seriously if not mortally wounded and two others are maimed for life as the result of a shooting affray in a saloon at Vergennes, Ill., a village near here.

This morning Joe and Jake Davidson were in the saloon and became involved in a quarrel with Henry Fox, a farmer who resides near there. After a quarrel Jake Davidson and Fox began to fight, and Joe Davidson drew a revolver and shot two bullets into the abdomen of Fox. Not satisfied with mortally wounding the man he continued firing, and a bullet lodged in Joe Pyatt, a bystander, who was witnessing the quarrel.

The brothers at once left the place and started across the country, hoping to elude the officers. A small posse of men gathered and started the pursuit. Only a short distance from the village three of the posse, named Tippy, Crain, and Holt, came upon the brothers and at once a running fight ensued between the men and the brothers.

In this contest one of the brothers had his eye shot out of his head and the other was brought to bay by a bullet through the shoulder. The brothers then surrendered to the men and were taken to the village and thence to the county jail, where they are both confined.

Drunken Indian Kills Three.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 25.—John Tiger, a full blood Indian, a ferryman on the Arkansas River, went to Eufaula with his wife this afternoon and, while intoxicated, met L. B. Roper and threatened to kill him. Roper immediately struck Tiger with a board.

Tiger went to his buggy, got a rifle, and came back to kill Roper, but failed to find his man. Enraged, he proceeded to shoot every one he saw, shooting Jesse Beck through the hips and killing him; shooting and killing Dave Porter, a nephew of Chief Porter, and a man named Johnson, on his way to Missouri in a covered wagon with his family. Bud Haylor, a boy, aged 13, was shot through the shoulder and is not expected to live.

Tiger immediately jumped on a horse and tried to escape, but was pursued. Tiger was chased three miles, when he jumped off his horse, got behind a tree, and began shooting. Deputy Marshal Johnson, who returned the fire, struck Tiger in the arm. The murderer surrendered and was brought to Eufaula.

Holdup in Decatur Saloon.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Two unknown men armed to the teeth entered Paddy Hartten's saloon on Water street tonight and caused the saloonkeeper and four men in the place at the time to stand with faces to the wall while the robbers emptied the cash register of $40. Three shots were fired to terrorize the crowd. The thieves escaped.

The same robbers were in the act of robbing Frank Swearingen's drug store when Policemen Peake and Fenton caught them. They ran. One was wounded with a shotgun and the other got away and was later captured. Both are in jail. They gave their names as Joseph Wells and Dick Jones.

Soldier Stabs Three Comrades.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Frenzied by drink James L. McDonough, a private soldier at Fort Washington, this afternoon attacked a sergeant and four privates at the post who had attempted to place him under arrest and stabbed three of the party with a bayonet which he had concealed under his coat.

Sergeant J. P. Staab is dangerously wounded in the left breast. One soldier sustained a painful wound in the arm and another was stabbed in the shoulder. McDonough escaped, but at a late hour tonight he was captured by the metropolitan police in one of the suburban districts.

SON OF MILLIONAIRE IS KILLED BY A FALL FROM HIS HORSE DURING HUNT.

Henry L. Wilbur Thrown by Animal in Cross-Country Run Near Philadelphia —Fails to Recover Consciousness— Neck Believed to Have Been Broken.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—As he was riding cross country to join the Chester Valley hunt today Henry L. Wilbur, son of H. O. Wilbur, the millionaire manufacturer, was thrown from his horse and killed on the farm of A. J. Cassatt, President of the Pennsylvania railroad, near Valley Forge.

Mr. Wilbur, who lived at Bryn Mawr, started out on a magnificent horse, accompanied by T. N. McCartney, another huntsman. They were too late for the start in Stafford, a suburb of this city, where the thirty-four hounds were released. The two men caught sight for the forward fox hunters on the Cassatt farm and galloped at great speed to catch up with them.

On the farther side of the property there is a three-foot rail fence and beyond this a ditch. Mr. Wilbur's horse took the obstruction easily, but in landing beyond the ditch one of the horse's forward feet sank into a small hole. Mr. Wilbur was pitched forward and thrown headlong to the ground, where he lay unconscious.

He was hurried toward Devon, but his condition grew worse and he died in a farmhouse. The exact cause of death is not known, but it is believed to have resulted from a broken neck.

The Chester Valley hunt is one of the select events of the fox hunting season, and is participated in by members of the wealthiest families of this city and its vicinity.

CHAMPION BOWLER ARRESTED.

Thomas Webb Jay Said to Be Short in His Accounts to the Amount of Eight Thousand Dollars.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—Thomas Webb Jay, local manager for the Frick Manufacturing company of Waynesboro, Ill., and champion bowler of the State, was arrested today on the charge of embezzlement. His shortage is variously estimated at from $8,000 to $12,000, but cannot be definitely determined until a thorough examination of his books has been made.

The arrest was made at the instance of S. B. Rinehart, President of the company, who came here last Saturday night to make an investigation of the branch.

PICKS CHRISTMAS TO DIE.

ELSIE FREEMAN TAKES CHLOROFORM IN LINCOLN PARK.

Despondency Because of a Belief That Samuel C. McCune Had Married Another the Cause — Policeman Finds Her Unconscious with Handkerchief Across Her Face — Writes Note to Friend Accusing Man of Desertion— Woman Will Recover.

Elsie Freeman, a dressmaker 32 years old, was found in Lincoln Park, near the Grant monument, yesterday morning, unconscious from the effects of chloroform she had taken the night before. The woman was revived after two hours hard work by the physicians at the German Hospital. She told Dr. Becker that she had tried to kill herself because Samuel C. McCune of Fifty-fifth and Halsted streets had deserted her and married another woman. She said she was sorry she had been rescued.

Park Policeman Sanger found Miss Freeman at 8 o'clock in the morning, half frozen in addition to being completely under the influence of chloroform. She had swallowed about two ounces of the drug, and had later summoned sufficient strength to wet her handkerchief and lay it across her face. In another handkerchief there was tied a letter addressed to "her only friend," who she afterwards said was Mrs. Nevlin of 51 Carpenter street, with whom she has been living for the last two weeks. The letter is as follows:

To My Only Friend: Samuel G. McCune and Ellenor C. Elsele. Those names have been seared in my mind for the last year, but now I thank God that I can stamp them from my memory forever. When his first wife died he said that he would marry me. I followed him around in blind faith and obeyed his every command. I was as faithful as a dog, and repeatedly asked him to marry me, but he kept putting me off with the tenderest promises. Then I heard he was going with her, and the keenest misery filled my soul. God only knows how I suffered. I have endured a thousand deaths before I brought myself to take my own life. Then I read in the papers that he had married her and I wanted to live no more.

ELSIE FREEMAN.

Gives Wrong Name at Hospital.

Miss Freeman asked the attendants at the hospital not to let the man know that she had tried to kill herself. She gave them her name as Elsie Manyette, when first questioned, and said that the man who left her was Henry Freeman. Mrs. Nevlin called at the hospital in the afternoon and said that Miss Freeman had left her house on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She knew that Miss Freeman had been distressed, but did not think she was contemplating suicide. Dr. Becker says she will recover, and was lucky in escaping being frozen to death. It was not until late in the afternoon that she recovered from the effects of the drug and talked distinctly.

McCune lived before his late marriage at 311 East Chicago avenue. Mrs. Nevlin says that he had seen Miss Freeman only a few times since last May.

Quarreled with His Daughters.

"It is absolutely false that the question of marriage was ever mentioned between Elsie Freeman and myself," Samuel C. McCune said last night. "My relations with her were only of a business nature. She was employed by me as housekeeper for more than a year, and I was compelled to discharge her because she could not agree with my daughters. She quarreled continually with them, and finally told me that she would not live in the same house with my eldest daughter. I then told her that she would have to leave. I am a widower, but I never gave the woman the least encouragement that might lead her to think I intended to marry her. I first became acquainted with her when I was managing the Ogden House at Franklin and Washington streets in 1893. She was a first-class dressmaker, and had an establishment at 311 East Chicago avenue for a long time. It is not true that I ever lived there with her or anywhere else. I cannot imagine what led her to think I had any intention of marrying her, for I never mentioned the subject to her. If she had gotten along with my daughters I don't know but I might have married her, but I always consider my daughters above everything else."

James Lynch, 45 years old, attempted to end his life with a razor last night at his home, 606 Forty-third street. Lynch and his family were eating their supper when he left the table and went to an adjoining bedroom. His wife soon afterward found him standing in the middle of the room with a razor in his hand and a cut four inches long in his throat. Dr. Hay of Forty-fifth street and Emerald avenue dressed the wound. He says it is not probable that the cut will prove fatal.

JURY MAY QUIT CRIME INQUIRY.

Foreman McCoy Intimates That City Officials Will Not Be Indicted by Investigators.

SAYS PROOF IS LACKING.

Much Depends on the Answer of Judge Gibbons as to Authority to Hire Detectives.

STORIES OF INTIMIDATION.

Judge Gibbons will return to the grand jury this morning his answer to the requests submitted to him on Saturday. It is predicted that he will inform the jurymen that they have not the power to employ detectives to secure evidence in the City Hall inquiry. Unless, then, his answer to the request for the appointment of a special grand jury to continue the investigation be favorable, it is said that the jury will adjourn without returning indictments against any of the city authorities.

This is substantiated by William McCoy, foreman of the jury, and described as the "head of the dominant element." He affirms that no evidence has been secured thus far which, in his judgment, would warrant indictments, and declares that the investigation had been thorough.

See Lack of Evidence.

"We have gone to the bottom of the matter," he said, "and there is no evidence thus far which would convict if we should indict. We do not propose to return indictments and make the county bear the expense of trying city officials when they cannot be convicted. If we cannot employ detectives to secure better evidence, we have done all that we could. We shall adjourn this week, I hope, and probably soon after tomorrow. Unless there is better evidence than we have heard there will be no indictments."

Depends on Gibbons' Answer.

It had been current gossip this would be the course of the grand jury, but it had lacked authoritative basis. There are several witnesses to be heard today, and Chief of Police Kipley may be summoned. This will be determined by the jury after Judge Gibbons has returned his answer. Those who predicted that the investigation would result in a general clearing of the city officials from all charges maintain that their predictions have been realized.

If Judge Gibbons should consent to the appointment of a special grand jury the life of the present body would terminate, and what remains of the inquiry into City Hall methods would be taken up by its successor.

Foreman McCoy said that an investigation had been made of the possibility of "leaks" occurring in the jury-room, by which the city officials were able to forestall the efforts of the jury to obtain testimony. He declared that if the city had such a source of information it must come from outside the jurymen.

Stories of Intimidation.

Intimidation of witnesses has been another feature of the inquiry which has been brought to the attention of the State's Attorney's office. Mr. Deneen said that he had been informed of cases in which probable witnesses had stated that "moral suasion" had been used on them to prevent their appearance before the grand jury, but that he had no knowledge of any threatened violence.

"Some men have told me that arguments and persuasion had been used to prevent their appearance," Mr. Deneen said, "but I have heard of no threats of violence."

Judge Gibbons had not completed his answer to the jury last night, but it will be returned to the jurymen at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

YAQUI INDIANS ATTACK MEXICAN TROOPS, KILLING 34 OFFICERS AND MEN.

Report Says Soldiers Were Ambushed Near General Torres' Headquarters— Colonel Francisco Peinado Said to Be Wounded.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25.—Mexican troops in Sonora, Mexico, were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians. Four officers and thirty men were killed and Colonel Francisco Peinado, one of the leading officers of the army, was shot through the stomach and seriously wounded.

C. V. Light of Guaymas, who was present when the report was made to General Torres, gave the news out here. He says the soldiers were crossing the country and were fired on from an ambush near Lamisa, fifty miles from General Torres' headquarters.

The severe press censorship has kept the news from the public, but he says he had no chance to learn exactly how many soldiers were killed. Colonel Peinado, the wounded officer, is one of the most popular officers in the army.

DISPUTE OVER THE POSSESSION OF BONES OF PERE MARQUETTE.

Milwaukee College, in Which Remains of the Explorer-Priest Are Supposed to Rest, Questions the Discovery at Frankfort, Mich.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—Surprise was occasioned in this city by the report of the discovery of the supposed bones of Father Marquette near Frankfort, Mich.

It has been generally supposed for the last twenty years that the remains of Father Marquette are in possession of Marquette College in this city. They were located by Father Jacker, an Indian missionary, in 1878 at St. Ignace, Mich., on the site of the Chapel of the Mission of St. Ignatius, which Father Marquette founded in 1671. Father Jacker found the ruins of the chapel, and, digging beneath the altar's site, discovered the relics. They were sent to Marquette College, which was then being built. A celebration was held at St. Ignace in August, 1879, on account of Father Jacker's discovery.

DIES AMID HOLIDAY GIFTS

E. L. BRAND EXPIRES PROMISING DELAYED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Pioneer Photographer Passes Away at His Residence in Michigan Avenue After an Illness of Ten Days—Family Thinks His Condition Improved, but It Suddenly Changes for the Worse—Grip and Apoplexy the Ailments—Career of the Deceased.

After expressing regret at his inability to go down-town to purchase Christmas presents for his family, Edwin L. Brand, one of the oldest photographers in Chicago, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his residence, 1918 Michigan avenue. For ten days Mr. Brand had been confined to his bed with an attack of the grip, but had been improving during the last few days. The immediate cause of his death was an attack of apoplexy.

In the morning he seemed stronger and more hopeful than for sometime. After dinner his family gathered in the room and all engaged in the distribution of Christmas gifts.

Talks of Buying Gifts Later.

The various members of the family brought their gifts to Mr. Brand, and he thanked each one in turn. Finally he raised himself from his pillow and said:

"I am so sorry that I am sick, for I was not able to go down-town and select presents for you all. But in a few days I will be able to go shopping and I want you all to remember that my Christmas gifts to you are coming later."

"The best Christmas gift we could receive is for us to know that you are getting well," replied Mrs. Brand, and his son and daughter echoed the sentiment. A few moments were then spent in rejoicing over the improved condition of the sick man, when Mrs. Brand was called down-stairs and her son stepped from the room, leaving his sister alone with her father.

Just at 3 o'clock a noise was heard in the room and the daughter, rushing out, cried: "Papa is dying!" Mrs. Brand and her son and daughter hastened into the room, while a servant ran for a physician. Mr. Brand was able to recognize the members of the family, but could not speak. Before the arrival of a physician he died.

Continues Work Too Long.

For over a month Mr. Brand had been suffering from a severe cold, but refused to remain indoors. He continued hard at work until ten days ago, when he was seized with a fever and compelled to take to his bed. His illness was pronounced to be grip. He had improved during the last few days and on Sunday morning his physician told him he would be able to go to his place of business during the week.

During his illness he spent much time in studying a new plan for picture reproduction which he recently had devised.

Born in New York State.

Mr. Brand was born in Edmeston, N. Y., in 1835. His youth was devoted to the study of photography. He worked at Leonardsville, N. Y.; Cleveland, O.; and Kingston, Canada. In 1858 he came to Chicago and went into business at 109 Lake street. Later he changed his studio to 34 Washington street, where he remained until the big fire. He was living then at 1223 Wabash avenue and he fitted up a studio in his residence. Five years later he moved his studio to 210-212 Wabash avenue. Six weeks ago his last change was made to 78-75 Jackson boulevard.

Mr. Brand was a member of the order of Oddfellows and of the Knights of Pythias. During the civil war he was Captain of a company of Chicago zouaves, which was recruited by Colonel Ellsworth. Mr. Brand did not see active service. He was a member of St. Paul's Universalist Church, the Calumet, Chicago Athletic, Hamilton, and Washington Park clubs. He left a widow and two children, Edwin L. Brand Jr. and E. Belle Brand.

CHRISTMAS BOX HOLDS ASHES.

California Man Opens Parcel Supposed to Contain a Gift and Finds Remains of His Sister.

Alameda, Cal., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Matt Buckman, an employé at the Louvre, in a small copper box received today, and which he supposed contained a present, found the ashes of his sister, which had been sent to him at her request. It was the first notice he had of her death. Buckman thought it was the usual Christmas remembrance, and said to those standing by when it came from the express office that it was a present from his sister, who always remembered him. He was mystified when he saw the contents of the box, but a letter received later explained that it was the dying request of his sister that the ashes be sent him, and that they be laid to rest beside her mother in the Odd Fellows cemetery, San Francisco. He complied with her request.

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CHICAGO, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1900.

Weather predictions for the next 24 hours:

Partly cloudy, with probably snow flurries, slightly warmer.

Sun rises at 7:28; sets at 4:33.

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TRACTION POLICY OUT IN DETAIL.

Full Report of the Street Railway Commission Gives Means for Municipal Ownership.

PLANT TO SECURE BONDS.

Limit of City Indebtedness Will Have No Bearing on Loans Based on Transit Lines.

MUCH TIME FOR SOLUTION.

Complications in the Situation So Intricate as to Require Years for Working Out a Good System.

COMPANIES HOPE TO DEFEAT IT.

A definite and comprehensive policy as a substitute for the haphazard methods of street railway development in Chicago is proposed in the bill and report of the City Council Street Railway commission, made public yesterday. Excerpts and sections of the bill outlining its general purport but omitting details have been published before, but the full intent of the specially appointed advisory body of the Council on traction matters has been withheld.

Complications in the traction situation are pronounced so intricate that immediate solution is said to be impossible. The cause for this is found in the fact that no attempt had been made to develop the systems methodically. The bill, which has been passed upon by a number of Chicago attorneys, is sent to the Council, to the Governor, and to the two Houses of the State Legislature. By its passage the commission hopes to furnish a means by which the city can untangle traction complications.

The members of the Council forming the commission were appointed by the Mayor on Jan. 3, 1900. They are:

Milton J. Foreman, Ernest F. Herrmann, W. S. Jackson, W. F. Brennan, Walter J. Raymer, William Mayer, Julius Goldzier.

Object City Ownership.

The ultimate object of the new traction policy being municipal ownership, the bill has provided a means to this end. Instead of an issue of bonds on the credit of the city for the operating of street railway, the commission recommends that street railway certificates, limited in their payment solely to the street railway fund provided for, be issued for the acquisition or construction of a system. This provision has been passed upon by attorneys and held to be valid. It is held that the city will not be restricted by its limit of bonded indebtedness, but that such securities may be issued irrespective of other municipal debts.

As security for these certificates it is provided that the city may mortgage any or all of its street railway property. The deed of trust, it is provided, may carry the grant of a franchise or right to maintain and operate the street railways covered by the mortgage for a period not to exceed twenty years, and after that time the property may come into the possession of any person securing it as the result of foreclosure proceedings.

Street Railway Fund.

The creation of "the street railway fund" is prescribed by section 16, as follows:

"Whenever any city shall avail itself of the authority granted by this act for the issuance of street railway bonds or certificates, the entire proceeds derived from the lease or rent of such railways, or from the licensing of cars to run upon the same, or from the operation of the same, if operated by the city, shall be paid into a fund known as the 'street railway fund,' and which fund shall be and remain inviolate, except as in this section hereinafter otherwise provided, until the bonds or certificates issued under the terms of this act and the interest thereon is fully paid.

"The Treasurer of such city shall not pay any warrant drawn on said fund unless the same be drawn in payment for the necessary cost of maintenance of such street railways, or for the necessary operating expenses in case the same be operated by the city, or in payment of the bonds or certificates issued hereunder or the interest thereon. When there are no bonds or certificates of indebtedness outstanding payable out of the street railway fund any surplus in such fund may be applied in such manner as the City Council may direct."

Companies Affect Unconcern.

To the bill is appended the first report of the commission since its establishment, because of the "grave doubt as to the right of a number of traction companies to operate street cars by cable or electric power." Officials of traction companies who have seen the bill affect unconcern as to its provisions. It is their opinion that the measure, being one framed for Chicago, but applicable throughout the State, will fall of its own weight when presented to the Legislature. Its effect upon small companies in Illinois towns, it is said, would be such as to unite the companies against its adoption.

Except for two features, the provision to insure proper publicity and to prevent overcapitalization, the bill provides merely for a grant of power. It will confer on local authorities the power to deal with street railway problems.

Importance of the Problem.

In submitting the measure the commission says to the Council:

"Chicago has more miles of street railway than any other city in the world. That fact, taken together with the large area of this city, makes the street railway problem, or rather the problem of local transportation, one of tremendous importance for Chicago, for the welfare of the city as a whole and of its population as individuals is vitally dependent upon the adaquacy of the system or systems, of local transportation that may be provided.

"Despite the importance of the subject, however, the street railway systems of Chicago have been permitted to develop for the most part in a haphazard manner, without regard to any well defined and comprehensive plan or policy. As a result the situation as it exists today is complicated in the extreme, and the problem presented is exceedingly difficult of solution. In fact, it is

impossible of immediate solution in any manner that can prove entirely satisfactory to all the interests concerned. The best that can be done is to outline a definite and comprehensive policy to be kept continuously in mind in dealing with the different phases of the local transportation problem as they may arise for consideration and action, this policy to be constantly worked toward and realized as speedily as circumstances will permit.

"While so far as internal policy is concerned the street railway systems of Chicago have developed without much regard to any definite or comprehensive plan, there are two features of State policy regarding street railways which Chicago has been chiefly instrumental in forcing the State to adopt that may be accepted as well established. One is the principle of local control. The other is the policy of short term grants."

Other Provisions in the Bill.

Aside from the provision for the funding of a municipal street railway system the bill provides for the following:

That the City Council shall have the power to regulate street railways as to running time of cars and headway, the laying of tracks, the methods of transportation, and the kinds of rails to be used.

That any ordinance passed by the City Council granting a franchise for longer than five years shall not be in operation until after a period of sixty days from receiving the Mayor's signature or from the date of the passage over his veto, and that during that period, upon the petition of 10 per cent of the voters, it shall be submitted to the people for confirmation; that the ordinance shall not be effective unless it receives a majority of the popular vote.

That no grant shall be made to a company proposing to compete with an existing company unless it shall be ratified by the people.

That in any grant it shall be lawful to insert a provision as a condition of the grant that at its expiration the property of the company may be taken by the municipality without other compensation than the privilege of leasing the read, and that at the expiration of the grant, providing that six months' notice be given, the city may purchase the property at a fair valuation to be determined according to specifications of the bill.

That the city may have the right to license the running of cars on tracks which it has acquired or constructed, and that it may lease the tracks, with the provision that the company, at the expiration of the lease, must sell its rolling stock and other property to the city at a fair valuation.

That the city shall have the power to operate a system and to make all needful rules and regulations respecting the operation, providing rates and charges high enough to produce a revenue sufficient to bear all cost of maintenance and operation and to meet interest charges on street railway certificates.

That every street railway company shall file with the State Auditor a statement under oath showing the amount of capital stock issued, the amount of assets and liabilities, the names and residences of its officers, its receipts and disbursements, the number of passengers carried, and the number injured or killed, and shall set forth copies of contracts made with other individuals.

That no company shall issue bonds or stock to an aggregate amount of more than 25 per cent in excess of the actual cost of construction and equipment, together with the cash on hand and a fair cash valuation of the real estate transferred to the company.

That no grants shall be issued except upon the petition of owners of land representing more than one-half of the frontage of the street desired to be used.

Subway Bill to Follow.

The street railway bill is to be followed by the subway bill, to be drawn in accordance with a resolution presented by Alderman Goldzier and adopted by the Council on Feb. 5, 1900. Both bills are expected to reach the Legislature in January.

BEGIN THE "CENTURY" REVIVAL.

Methodists Hold a Mass-Meeting in Trinity Church, Wesley Praying Band Leading.

An old fashioned revival meeting, under the leadership of the Wesley praying band, followed the customary Christmas exercises of the Sunday school in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirtieth street and Indiana avenue, yesterday afternoon. The band is composed of fourteen laymen of different churches, having for their object the conducting of revivals and the stimulation of activity among regular church workers without regard to denomination.

Five hundred persons were present and took part in the praise and testimony service and many of them announced their conversion.

The twentieth century movement, under the lead of Bishop Thoburn, arranged the meeting, which is but one of many which have been planned. The movement is general throughout the world and similar gatherings are to be held in every large church center. This work is to be started with special force at the beginning of the new century and is in the hands of committees composed of laymen of the localities where the meetings are to be held, each church being represented by one layman. The praying band was under J. V. Eyerson, who has worked in this way for five years.

CHICAGO SUPPLIED WITH COAL.

Dealers Deny Philadelphia Reports of High Prices.—Expect No Further Advance in Price.

Local coal dealers ridicule the statement in a Philadelphia dispatch, which, speaking of the general shortage of anthracite coal due to the recent strike, says coal is now selling in Chicago at $9.75 a ton.

It is declared coal is selling at $7 a ton, the same price which was established shortly after the strike was inaugurated, and that there is little prospect of any advance.

"I have just spent two weeks in New York and the East," said Walter S. Bogle, President of the Crescent Coal company, yesterday, "and I am satisfied from what I have heard that there is a much more severe shortage of coal there than in the West. The fact is, there is little prospect of any further advance with us beyond the present price, $7. We have been favored by mild weather, which has permitted considerable lake shipments, and unless we have extremely cold weather, together with snow blockades on the railroads, we are likely to get through the winter without any further advance.

"We are, of course, short of supplies as compared with normal conditions, but at present there is nothing really serious in the situation."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM.

Secretary Greene Announces Speakers for Meeting to Be Held at Springfield.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Professor E. B. Greene, secretary of the Illinois State Historical society, has prepared the program for the meeting which is to be held at Springfield on Jan. 30 and 31, 1901.

Among the speakers will be President Hiram W. Beckwith, Reuben G. Thwaites, secretary of the Wisconsin Historical society; David McCulloch, J. N. Perrin of Belleville, Mrs. Laura Drayton Fessenden of Highland Park, E. A. Snively of Springfield, Professor Jonathan B. Turner, William L. Pillsbury, University of Illinois; Professor Edmund J. James, University of Chicago; William Vocke of Chicago, John M. Palmer, and the Rev. E. B. Rogers of Springfield.

The chairman of the local Committee of Arrangements in Springfield is George N. Black. The principal officers of the society are: President, W. H. Beckwith, Danville; Vice President, Dr. J. F. Snyder, Virginia; Secretary and Treasurer, Evarts B. Greene, University of Illinois.

SWEDES SEE ALLEGORICAL PLAY

Large Audience at Benefit Performance for the Park Ridge Old People's Home.

The spectacular play, "A Devil and a Swede," was attended by a large audience at the North Side Turner Hall last evening. Swedes from all parts of Chicago were present. The play is founded upon an old Swedish one, translated and somewhat Americanized by Carl Pfeil, the principal actor in the east and formerly manager of the Swedish plays brought out Sunday nights at the old Hooley Theater. Anton Pederson composed the music.

Knut Knutson was the principal character and a Swedish hero who has many adventures with Father Time, who, with his scythe, cuts a swath through the story as Death and the godfather of his, Knutson's, infant son.

Half the proceeds were given to the Old People's Home at Park Ridge.

Jell-O, the New Dessert,
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CROWE BELIEVED IN SAFE REFUGE.

Police of St. Joseph, Mo., Declare Suspect Hidden in Their City.

CAN KEEP OUT OF WAY.

Nebraska Laws Fail to Disclose Any Clause to Cover the Case of Kidnaping.

PONY HELD BY ITS FINDER.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—If Pat Crowe is really wanted for the kidnaping of young Edward A. Cudahy in Omaha last week, local police officials say, this city is the place to seek him. It even is asserted that Crowe has been seen here within the last few days, and many believe he still is here, hiding from his would-be captors.

Crowe is a frequent visitor to this city, where he has many and influential friends, and it is from the latter fact that his capture is made a difficult matter. Several times Crowe has found a secure asylum among friends here. It is the belief of Chief of Detectives Shea tonight that Crowe is in the charge of friends and that he is carefully concealed.

"If Crowe has a good part of the $25,000 he secured as ransom for the boy in Omaha," said Chief Shea tonight, "he can remain in this city for a year and all efforts of the police department to get him may be futile."

Crowe has been a guest of the Donovan Hotel here recently, according to Chief of Detectives Shea, and two days ago he was guest of another hotel here, stopping over night. He was well dressed and appeared to have plenty of money. He met a woman here who is well known to the police, and from her the detectives have been able to get some valuable information about the alleged kidnaper. Officers for three days have been watching the places usually frequented by Crowe, but failed to find the man.

Patrolman Scott positively stated tonight that he had met and talked with Crowe yesterday at Fifth and Edmond streets, and says the reason that he did not arrest him was that he did not know that Crowe was still suspected of being the kidnaper of young Cudahy. Crowe, he says was well dressed, in a suit of black, and bore a decidedly prosperous appearance.

Kidnapers' Fate Much in Doubt.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—That the Cudahy kidnapers, if captured, are almost certain to escape with no more severe punishment than a short term in the county jail is confirmed by lawyers who have been looking up every section of the statutes that might be brought to bear on the case. Under no law as discovered can the offense be classed a felony. It is only a misdemeanor. The discovery of this fact has aroused general indignation among all classes of citizens.

The developments in the case today were the refusal of the captor of the pony used by the kidnaper to turn the animal over to the Omaha police unless he is paid $5,000 for it, and new evidence tending to draw the net of suspicion still closer around Pat Crowe. The keeping of the pony by its finder promises to form a novel complication, as it is doubtful if there is any law by which the police can compel the returning of the animal to the State.

Pat Crowe's picture was identified by a servant in a house near the Cudahy residence as a man seen in that vicinity the night of the abduction. Reports were received tonight from several cities that men resembling Crowe were arrested there, but so far none has seemed of sufficient importance to warrant action.

Seek Law to Punish Abductors.

Omaha attorneys are endeavoring to discover some statute under which the abductors of young Cudahy may be punished, but as yet have been unsuccessful. The statute on child stealing limits the age of a child to 10 years, and young Cudahy was 14. As one of the men said, on accosting the boy, that he was the Sheriff of Sarpy County he could be prosecuted for impersonating an officer, a misdemeanor. A plain case of assault also would be misdemeanor. The suggestion has been made that the men would be answerable for grand larceny or robbery, as they had extorted the $25,000 from Mr. Cudahy by threats. Either of these, it is claimed, would be constructive crime, and under the Nebraska statutes it is not possible to try the men under either charge.

Indignation of Citizens Grows.

Surprise at the audacious action of the abductors who succeeded in reaping a rich reward for twenty-four hours' work has given place to a smoldering indignation that bodes ill for the men who kidnaped Edward A. Cudahy's boy. In the stores, on the street cars, and wherever half a dozen persons happen to meet the anxious query, "Is there anything new in the Cudahy case?" is propounded. After a week of constant reference to it by the newspapers, the interest has not diminished. The citizens have settled down to await the arrest of the culprits.

It is the general impression the men will be severely dealt with if the right trio is captured. It would not be the first time the citizens of Omaha have taken the law into their own hands. In this case it is urged they would be justified because the law does not afford adequate punishment for kidnapers. The citizens want to insure the safety of their children in future, because it is not every one who can raise the money for a ransom as readily as did Mr. Cudahy. The surprise at his action has died out, and men who have sons are ready to admit they would have done the same.

Mr. Cudahy has not regretted his compliance with the demands of the captors of his son and says he would do the same thing if called upon again. He proposes, however, if in his power, to make a second experience impossible.

Servant Says Crowe Is the Man.

The connection of Pat Crowe, well known in Chicago and throughout the country, with the Cudahy abduction case has been established definitely by the identification of his picture by a servant of J. N. H. Patrick, who saw him shortly before Edward A. Cudahy Jr. was taken from the home of his father, 518 South Thirty-seventh street, on the night of Dec. 18. Crowe still is missing, and the police are more than anxious to find him. Absolutely no clew to his whereabouts has been obtained, and there is no more prospect of his arrest, from present indications, than there was the night the boy was returned to his parents.

Crowe was seen in South Omaha the night before young Cudahy was taken while on his way home. Since then, although he is well known to the Omaha police and to hundreds of citizens, no person can be found who recalls having seen him. He has dropped out of sight as if the earth had opened and swallowed him.

The failure of the police to locate Crowe cannot be laid to their lack of zeal, because every officer in the city has constituted a seeker after the $25,000 reward which Edward Cudahy Sr. is willing to pay for the apprehension of the kidnapers. In addition to the four detailed detectives from the regular force two Pinkerton men are working on the case. Their efforts have been as futile as those of their local associates.

The police are handicapped in their search for Crowe by the fact that few good pictures of the missing man are in existence. Crowe, as he looks today, could enter almost any city and run the gantlet of police without being recognized, as the pictures in the rogues' gallery look no more like him than if some other person had sat for them.

Descriptions of Man Differ.

Descriptions of Pat Crowe's present appearance differ, some saying he had a mustache when last seen, while others insist he was smooth shaven. If he has no mustache, as Chief Donohue believes, he practically is unrecognizable. Pictures taken of him last April show him with a mustache, and the police are sending these to points where he may go in the hope that some officer may pick him up.

Crowe is 33 years of age, 5 feet 10¼ inches in height, weighs 165 pounds, has brown hair, blue eyes, and, if wearing a mustache, it would be "light sandy" and brown at the ends, which droop slightly.

Crowe has a wife in South Omaha with whom he has not lived for ten years, but men who know him say he was on good terms with her before he left. It is not believed, however, that he will write to her or that she has anything to do with the abduction of the son of Edward A. Cudahy.

Great stress has been laid by the friends of Crowe upon the gratitude he must have felt for Mr. Cudahy. His disappearance, however, has tested that statement thoroughly, and now his friends are beginning to think his friendship for the man who befriended him was not deep. In the past Crowe had no fear of conviction when innocent of a crime and often boasted he was not afraid to enter the domains of the police who were looking for him. His action in connection with the Northwestern robbery confirms this, because he went to Chicago when he knew the police were watching for him for the purpose of arresting him on suspicion of having participated in the bold holdup at Tower W. Some years ago he confessed to a Missouri robbery to escape being returned to Denver, where he knew he would get a long term.

Woman Also Is Suspected.

The woman mentioned in the case, it was stated again today, was Lily Vale or Lily Dennis, whose stamping ground in the past has been Denver. According to the police her hobby is abduction, and it was she who assisted in the spiriting away of "Baby" Beal, the son of Banker David T. Beal, in Kansas City, a few years ago. Five thousand dollars was the ransom demanded, but instead the kidnapers received terms in the Missouri penitentiary. Lily Dennis, with Mike Sipole, an old friend, is reported to have arrived in Denver one day this week with plenty of money. They have not been located, however.

A report to the effect that Mr. Cudahy had given Pat Crowe until midnight to come forward and declare his innocence was contradicted by the packer today. He denied he had issued any such ultimatum and had no intention to do so.

Pony Held by His Finder.

The police received a sharp setback today in their search for the abductors of Edward Cudahy Jr., when "Cigaret Joe" Goodrich declined to deliver to them the bay pony with the white star, the most substantial piece of evidence they have succeeded in locating.

Goodrich informed Detective Heidfelt, who went to Pacific Junction, Ia., after the pony, that he considered the animal worth at least $5,000. The demand of Goodrich was a surprise to the police, who have believed heretofore that they had the cooperation of every good citizen in their search for the boy's abductors. They were anxious to secure the pony, as Frank Glynn, who saw one of the abductors at the livery barn when the telephone message regarding the letter found in Mr. Cudahy's front yard was sent, was expected to identify the animal. B. K. Munshaw and his family had a better opportunity to obtain a lasting impression of the peculiarities of the pony than Glynn, because they saw it several times. It was to give them a chance to identify it that the police were so anxious to have the pony brought back.

Sheriff Morgan went to Pacific Junction from Glenwood, Ia., and will keep watch to see that Goodrich does not transfer the pony to some other stable. In the meantime the Omaha police intend to urge the officials of the Burlington road to use their influence on Goodrich, as he is a locomotive engineer on that line.

Animal Described in Detail.

Chief Donohue lays considerable stress on the saddle and pony and furnishes the following description for their identification, as they may have come some distance west of the city: The pony is a dark bay, not deep enough in color to be termed a blood red, and weighs 850 pounds. It is between 8 and 10 years old. It has a white star on the forehead, heavy mane and tail. Three feet are white, the hind feet being white above the ankle. A small lump, not sore, is on the back, indicating constanting use under saddle. The animal becomes nervous when touched on the ears or about the head. The four feet are shod, the front feet being protected with heavy shoes having side and end corks, the shoes used for pavements. The saddle follows the cowboy style. It is worn, but still good. It has a double girth and the left stirrup has a letter J cut in the wood on the outside. On the left side of the horn, impressed in the leather, is the number 204.

Another incident bearing on the Cudahy abduction case was made known by Mr. Cudahy today. It had slipped his memory to the present time. He stated that the man who called him up from the livery stable shortly after 7 o'clock on the morning following the disappearance of his son had endeavored to speak to him over the telephone once before.

"It was about 6:30 o'clock when I was summoned to the 'phone," said Mr. Cudahy. "I heard a gruff voice asking me something, but I could not understand, either the telephone through which the man was talking being out of order or he had been frightened by the approach of some person after he had called me. When I heard the same voice later calling my attention to the letter in the front yard, I observed the tones were identical with those of the person who had endeavored to communicate with me earlier in the morning. I paid no attention to it at the time and did not recall it until today."

Dispatches were received today by Chief Donahue from Sheridan, Wyo., and from Assistant Chief of Police Massey of Wichita, Kas. It was stated that Pat Crowe was under arrest at Sheridan, but this is believed doubtful, as the information accompanying the message was unofficial.

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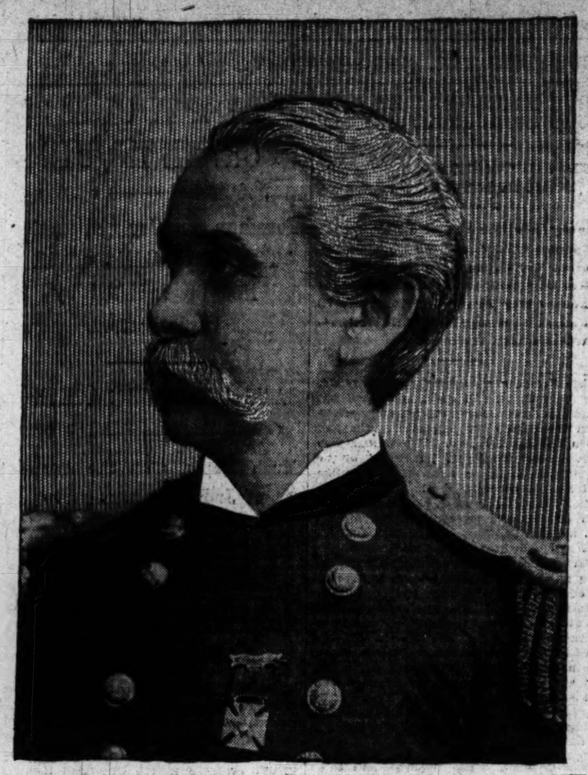
EDWIN L. BRAND, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.



CHRISTMAS HAS ITS WOES.

HOLIDAY CHEER BRINGS A NUMBER OF DISTURBANCES.

Knife Cuts and Fractured Bones Result from Celebrations in Which Drink Plays a Part — Three Persons Wounded in a Saloon Brawl—Guest Quarrels with His Host and Then Shoots at Him—Toy Vendor in a Street Encounter.

Christmas cheer was productive of the usual number of fights and disturbances. Knife cuts and broken bones resulted from the merrymaking. Perhaps the most unique encounter was that which ensued when Frank Benesch and Oliver Pearsons, who room together at 188 Larrabee street, celebrated the night together, and on returning home quarreled over who should open the door. They came to blows and Benesch received a number of cuts about the head and shoulders.

Three persons were injured in a saloon brawl at 808 South California avenue. The interior of the place was wrecked. Albert St. Peter, 1281 Lexington street, is under arrest. He is charged with having stabbed John Nolan, James McGraw, and Nellie Kunzer. All three were cut on the arms, but were not dangerously hurt. St. Peter was locked up at the Warren Avenue Police Station on charges of assault. The injured persons said they would not prosecute St. Peter, as the affair was simply a "friendly" misunderstanding. McGraw is the owner of the saloon.

About noon Julius Hauser, 117 Ewing street, whose left arm is amputated above the elbow, quarreled in a South Clark street saloon with John Mahoney. Hauser was struck with a chair and the bone of the stump of his arm was fractured. He was taken to the County Hospital.

Joseph Bjishkian, 188 North Union avenue, spent Christmas day at the residence of George Gartarian, 64 Grand avenue. A quarrel arose and the guest struck the host and in turn was thrown from the house. Three shots were fired by Bjishkian, but they missed their mark.

Three Auditorium bell boys entered the Great Western Hotel on Wabash avenue at 1 o'clock in the morning and started to make playthings of the chairs. John Ruppert, the night clerk, attempted to eject them and was badly beaten.

George Benson, 878 North Fairfield avenue, was found wandering about in an aimless manner at Peoria and Madison streets early in the day. He was suffering from a severe cut on the forehead. At the County Hospital he said he had been assaulted in a saloon by a stranger.

A man selling toys on the sidewalk got into a fight at Jackson and State with a farmer who stepped on a 25 cent toy, smashing it, and then refused to pay for it. Several outsiders took a hand in the argument, and during the fight some boys stole the toy man's stock, worth $6. Policemen Casey and Dugan arrested two of the combatants.

Louis Kustiak, 77 McHenry street, and Steney Kmitek, 38 McHenry street, quarreled over a "crap" game, and Kmitek, who is 17 years old, fired five shots at Kustiak, wounding him in the right arm and left knee. Kmitek escaped.

On being refused 50 cents, which he claimed was due him on an express package, William T. Barron, an expressman, made an attack on the front door of the house of J. M. Hopkins, 3247 Groveland avenue. He was locked up.

At a lodging-house at 121 West Madison street John Kilcrain snored. Two other roomers threw him down-stairs, breaking his arm.

Alex. Hollenberg, 5952 Carpenter street, quarreled with Erland Johnson in Johnson's saloon at 5932 Halsted street and was shot in the hand. Both men were arrested.

WOMEN IGNORE ONE RUN OVER.

Two in a Carriage Tell Driver to Go on After Knocking Down Mrs. H. Grogbowsky in State Street.

Two women, occupying a carriage which was being driven rapidly north in State street, ran over Mrs. Henry Grogbowsky, 8416 Buffalo avenue, at State and Randolph streets at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Grogbowsky was thrown to the ground, the wheels of the buggy passing over her. One of the women, it is said by bystanders, told the coachman to drive ahead, and Mrs. Grogbowsky was left lying in the street.

The woman was accompanied by three of her children and was on her way to the home of her mother, Mrs. Jenza, 317 West Chicago avenue. Some of the spectators rushed to her aid, and finding that she was not severely injured helped her to board a street car, when she continued her journey.

Detectives of the Central Police Station are making an effort to find the women and coachman.

DIES WHILE ROCKING BABY.

Philip Stanger Eats His Holiday Dinner and Shortly After Suddenly Expires.

Philip Stanger's Christmas celebration came to an abrupt ending yesterday afternoon at his residence, 782 Lincoln avenue. The holiday dinner had just been finished and he was rocking his 2-year-old baby on his knee when he pitched forward to the floor and died before his wife could summon aid. Heart disease was assigned as the cause of death. The Coroner will investigate today.

No Finer Quality of Champagne
is imported than that of G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry now coming to this country; hence the enormous imports of 300,321 cases in eleven months in 1900, or 72,169 cases more than any other brand.

BULLETS DRIVE ROBBERS AWAY.

Lone Bartender in J. H. Suits' Saloon Battles with Three Holdup Men.

HITS ONE IN SHOULDER.

Flying Missiles Smash Mirrors and Riddle Glass Partitions.

POLICE FAIL TO ARREST.

Three highwaymen who attempted early yesterday morning to rob the saloon of J. H. Suits, one of the charter members of the Cook County Democracy, at 1934 State street, were beaten off, single-handed, by the bartender, Alonzo Strange. The robbers made an attempt to carry off the cash register, but the fierce resistance by Strange, who fired four shots at the thugs, and, it is thought, wounded one in the shoulder, put them to flight after a pistol fight, in which the bartender came out victorious.

The flying bullets from the revolvers of the robbers destroyed about $300 worth of glassware and fixtures. They riddled the bar, the large mirrors behind it, and the ground glass which separated the partitions. When the unexpected nerve displayed by the bartender put them to flight they fled west on Twentieth street, and, though the Twenty-second Street Police Station was immediately notified by telephone, none of the robbers was caught.

Bartender Scents Trouble.

The holdup occurred about 5:30 a. m., when Strange was alone in the saloon. He was busily engaged with preparations for the usual Christmas trade when three roughly dressed men entered the front door. They banged their way through the swinging doors which open to the saloon proper, and one of them, who was easily distinguished from his comrades by a discolored eye, ordered drinks.

Strange scented trouble, but served the drinks. While they were drinking two of the men sidled toward the end of the bar, while the third vainly attempted to distract Strange's attention. The men talked roughly, and in the hope of placating them Strange filled their glasses again. As he placed the beer before them on the bar the man with the black eye said:

"Got much money in your damper?"

"Only a few dollars," replied Strange, who by this time was aware of their intentions.

"Well," was the response, "hand it out, and d—— quick, too."

As he spoke the man drew a revolver, and his two "pals" made a rush around the end of the bar.

Robber's Shooting Inaccurate.

Strange snatched up a revolver which was lying beneath the bar, but before he could shoot a bullet crashed into the large plate glass mirror behind him. Undaunted by the danger Strange ran toward the cash register and, leveling his revolver at the two men who were endeavoring to loosen it, threatened to fire. The sight of the weapon frightened the robbers, who fled outside the bar, while the third kept up a steady but inaccurate fusillade. The bartender crept along behind the bar and fired at his opponent, but his aim was equally poor. It was effective, however, in frightening the robbers, and they turned to flee.

One Bullet Takes Effect.

As they passed out of the saloon a bullet from Strange's revolver struck one of the men in the shoulder. A howl of pain was uttered by the victim as the trio ran west on Twentieth street. Among the many persons attracted to the spot by the noise was one who notified the police station by telephone. The patrol wagon was ordered out, but the highwaymen had little difficulty in concealing themselves.

Woman Steals Horse and Buggy.

M. De Vries, 768 Sheffield avenue, reported to the Sheffield Avenue Police Station that his horse and buggy were stolen yesterday afternoon. Mr. De Vries went to call on some friends at 2409 Wabash avenue, and left his horse standing in front of the house. He was gone about fifteen minutes, and on coming out the rig was nowhere to be seen. He was told by several neighbors that a fashionably attired woman got into the buggy and drove south at a rapid gait. The rig is valued at $250.

Ferdinand Jahanta, 10183 Ewing avenue, East Chicago, was assaulted Monday morning by a negro armed with an improvised slungshot in the shape of a stone, which he carried in a stocking. The assault took place at Ninty-fourth street and Ewing avenue, and was followed by robbery. It is feared that Jahanta's skull is fractured.

Burglars Visit Stevens Residence.

Burglars entered the home of J. Stevens at 4512 Drexel avenue last night and stole an overcoat and a sealskin sacque valued at $100, making their escape without the knowledge of the family, which was at dinner. After dinner Mrs. Stevens visited her bedroom and found that nearly all the clothing had been pulled out and was strewn about on the floor. The premises were searched and it was found that the marauders had entered a kitchen window and had visited the upper portion of the house by means of a back stairway. In making their escape the burglars had left the window open.

ANOTHER WOE FOR POSTOFFICE

Ironworkers Declare Safety Precautions Are Inadequate and May Consider a Strike.

The bridge and structural ironworkers probably will consider a strike on the new Postoffice Building at their regular meeting tonight. Their grievance is an alleged lack of temporary floors in the building, which is contrary to a city ordinance. It is claimed the ironworkers have protested against the unsafe condition under which they have been compelled to work because of a lack of these floors, but have failed to induce the contractors to do anything in the matter. A serious injury to one of the members of the union last week is said to have urged the union to a more vigorous action. If a strike is called it practically will be confined to the ironworkers, as few men of other trades are at work there at present.

DEAD MAN IS JOHN DOWNING.

Victim of Northwestern Train Identified as Sewing Machine Agent — Inquest to Be Held Today.

The body of the man who was killed at Kinzie and Elizabeth streets by a train on the Galena division of the Northwestern railroad on Monday night was identified yesterday as John Downing, general agent for the Chicago Sewing Machine company, living at 641 Carroll street. Identification was made by William Downing of Woodstock, Canada, a son. Downing had parted company with a number of friends shortly before he met death and was alone when struck by the train. The inquest will be held this morning at the county morgue.

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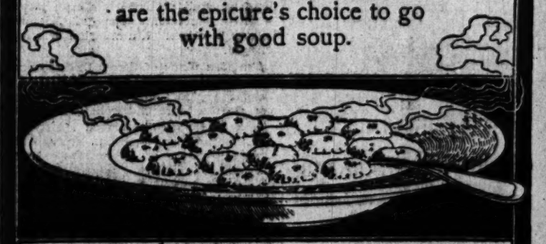

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LOSS IN MIDNIGHT FIRE.

EXTRA CALL FOR ENGINES IN SOUTH HALSTED STREET.

Damage to Building Owned by John Schroeder and to Contents Amounts to $30,000 — Guests in Hotel Across the Way Get a Bad Scare—Woman Rescued by Firemen After She Is Overcome by Smoke — Christmas Tree Ignited.

A fire which for a time threatened more serious consequences caused a damage estimated at $30,000 at 4187-89 South Halsted street at midnight. Four calls for engines were sent in. The blaze was in the four-story brick building owned by John Schroeder. The building is occupied on the third and fourth floors by a restaurant, gymnasium, and club rooms of James O'Leary, the pool-room keeper, but his damage was not great, as the fire was confined principally to the top floor of the building, which was occupied by the Ayers Chemical company. The first floor of the building is occupied by the Stock-Yards Paint company and the drug store of John F. Cofelin.

Starting from an unknown cause in the chemical company's establishment, the fire gained such rapid headway that the entire building was soon threatened and neighboring structures were in danger. The inflammable material in the chemical establishment made fuel for the flames, and several small explosions tended to make hasardous the work of the firemen.

Directly across the street from the burning building is the Transit House, and the guests were badly frightened. Burning embers were blown over the hotel, and an engine company was kept at work on the building. The fire finally was brought under control.

Firemen Rescue Woman.

A fire started in a dumb waiter shaft in a flat building at 262 Ontario street yesterday afternoon and spread so quickly that Mrs. Laura Linstrom, who was sitting in her room on the second floor, had to be carried out. Fred Reichentroph of truck No. 14 rescued her. Hanna Linstrom, her sister-in-law, also was assisted out through the smoke by the same man.

Commotion in Restaurant.

A combination of a leaking gas pipe and an overheated steam heater threw Tony A. Franker's retaurant at 105 Madison street into commotion at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The restaurant was partly filled with guests and when the cry of fire was heard the most of the diners and waitresses rushed into the street. The firemen tore up the floor and put out the fire. The damage was $200.

Fire in Candy Store.

A fire started from an unknown cause in the candy store of Mrs. Nellie Burnside, 484 Garfield avenue, in the afternoon and caused a damage of $1,000.

Christmas Tree Ignited.

The igniting of a Christmas tree in the residence of J. H. Anderson, 294 Forty-second street, caused a great deal of excitement, but small loss to property. Some one turned in a fire alarm, and in a short time a number of fire companies had arrived. The flames were soon extinguished.

ENGINE WHEELS REVEAL DEATH

On Seeing Them Engineer Runs Back His Locomotive on Northwestern Road and Finds Body.

The mangled body of Charles Mortel of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been living at 2378 Ontario street, was found near the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks at Forty-sixth and Chicago avenues yesterday morning. Frank Grinnel, 432 North Springfield avenue, engineer of a switch engine, was oiling his engine in the Northwestern yards when he saw that the wheels were covered with blood. The engine was quickly run back over the track and the body found. The body was taken to Donley's undertaking rooms, 2117 Madison street.

Charles R. Jennings, 10 years old, was struck by a southbound cable car at Forty-seventh street and Cottage Grove avenue yesterday afternoon as he attempted to cross the tracks on his way to his home at 5526 Monroe avenue. The boy was thrown several feet and sustained a fractured leg. He was taken to his home by the Hyde Park police. The train was in charge of Gripman M. J. Berry and Conductor J. Lathrop, and was not running fast.

MOOSE FIGHTS WITH ENGINE.

Stops an Express Train in Manitoba and Charges Locomotive, Meeting Death as a Result.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The Pacific express was half an hour late in reaching the city last evening as the result of an encounter with a moose. The train was traveling along at a slow rate of speed and just had reached the Brandon mile board when the engineer saw a giant bull moose standing on the track. He tooted the whistle and slowed up his train, but the king of the forest refused to move. He was not to be bluffed by any animal with no more horns than a locomotive. He was bent on fight, and, tossing his antlers high in the air in the most defiant manner, dashed towards the engine. The engineer saw him coming and opened up the throttle and went at him. It was only a fight of a minute. The bull's horns became wedged in the pilot and he bellowed and kicked, but to no avail. The train pulled up and the mangled remains were cleared away.

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Hospital Patients Share in the Day's Joys with Inmates of County Jail.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.

With a huge bowl of prunes in place of the traditional plum pudding and a pitcher of milk instead of a cordial, a man whose clothes bespoke his poverty finished the last course of his Christmas dinner at Tattersall's yesterday. He was the last of 6,000 persons to apply for and receive a Christmas dinner. There was food for many more, but all had been satisfied.

It was a day of rejoicing and feasting throughout the city. Away out at the four-mile crib in the lake the three employés sat down to a real Christmas dinner. "Only one thing was lacking," telephoned one of the employés. "None of our friends swam out to see us."

Over in the jail the prisoners almost forgot their woes in the revelry and feast provided by the jailer and Mrs. Clara B. Keator, who was imprisoned for eight months for debt and was only recently released.

If a man, woman, or child remained hungry yesterday it was not the fault of those who distributed Christmas greetings in the substantial form of food.

Great Feast at Tattersall's.

At Tattersall's, in the "ring" where prizefights have been held were Christmas trees instead of pugilists. Where formerly were "uppercuts, lefts, and rights" "handed out," cracker-jack, candy, and tops were distributed. In place of the thousands of yelling "sports," thinly clad but joyous children gathered to receive food and presents.

Six thousand persons were fed by the Salvation Army at Tattersall's during the day. Beginning before noon and lasting until towards evening, hungry men, women, and children were crowded into the large building and were treated to a Christmas dinner.

There were no decorations, cut glass, or fine table linen, but hundreds of pounds of turkey and meat and thousands of loaves of bread, vast quantities of coffee, cranberry sauce, prunes, beans, pies, celery, and apples made up for the lack of the beautiful.

The dinner was made possible by the donations of merchants and people who dropped their contributions into the red box which members of the Salvation Army held on nearly every corner in the shopping district for weeks before Christmas.

Over fifty tables were spread. They were covered with clean white paper. The dishes were laid and the seats arranged by 150 members of the army for the accommodation of 900 persons at one time.

As those anxious for their holiday dinner arrived they were directed to the gallery, where they were organized into divisions. They included cripples, women who looked half starved, strong men apparently out of work, half-famished looking children, and scores who bore the appearance of never having had a home. Some led children or assisted aged parents.

Four hundred baskets of food were distributed by the members of the Salvation Army to those who could not be present at Tattersall's. Each basket contained enough for a family of five persons.

The Pacific Garden mission, 100 Van Buren street, served dinner in the afternoon to between 800 and 1,000 men and women, most of whom were outcasts. Preparations were made to feed 1,000 persons and every scrap of food was used.

County Charges Not Forgotten.

The Cook County institutions at Dunning, the insane asylum and the infirmary, were without the gloom which generally pervades the different departments. The annual ball of the inmates of the insane asylum continued until nearly midnight. Christmas trees were placed in the different buildings.

At the County Hospital over 800 inmates were remembered in some way. Those who were fit were given a turkey dinner and enjoyed a vaudeville entertainment.

One hundred and seventy-five children of the Half-Orphan Asylum, 175 Burling street, enjoyed a substantial dinner at noon, and during the evening friends and relatives offered cheer and presents. Two hundred and twenty-seven small stockings were opened by the children at the Chicago Half-Orphan Asylum before daybreak.

All of the various other charitable institutions and hospitals observed the day. Special dinners were served and in many instances musical and vaudeville entertainments were given.

Eight thousand men were given dinners in the fourteen barns of the Union Traction company between the hours of 9 a. m. and 2 o'clock this morning.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.

Special Sermons and Music in Most of the Places of Worship, While Union Meetings Are Held.

Christmas was observed by special services in all the churches that did not join in union meetings. For weeks the churches had been preparing for the exercises. Choirs have been rehearsing anthems and pastors have been preparing sermons. Holly and evergreen predominated in the decorations, though many of the auditoriums were made cheerful with potted plants and cut flowers.

In some of the churches the decorations were particularly elaborate. The Holy Family, Jesuit Church, Twelfth and May streets, contained ten large Christmas trees. From the ceiling and around the walls hung festoons of evergreen cables. The altar was surrounded by flowers and palms. On the platform were eighteen large candelabras, each branching into twenty-four electric candles. The whole interior of the building was illuminated by 25,000 incandescent globes.

The Church of St. Francis of Assisium, Twelfth street and Newberry avenue, had for a feature a representation of the manger and stable of Bethlehem, and in the distance the city and the star of the East.

The sermons mostly dealt directly with the birth of Christ. Some treated of the occasion from a broader standpoint, the topic chosen by the Rev. J. P. Brushingham of the First Methodist Church being "At the Grave of a Century."

At the Holy Name Cathedral, State and Superior streets, solemn high mass was celebrated by the Rev. F. J. Barry, and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. J. Code at 4 o'clock in the morning. Solemn pontifical services were held at 10:30 in the morning, the Very Rev. H. J. Fitzsimmons being the celebrant and the sermon being preached by the Rev. Edward J. Gleeson of the Society of Jesus.

At the Holy Angels' Church, 281 Oakwood boulevard, the first mass was read at 4:30 o'clock in the morning and six others followed before 11:30 o'clock, when solemn high mass was celebrated, the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. B. Cassilly.

At the Church of St. Francis of Assisium, West Twelfth street and Newberry avenue, the first mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock in the morning by the Rev. John Otto, the sermon being by the Rev. Father Heinler. Three more masses followed before vesper services at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church, Winchester avenue and West Adams street, union services of twenty-five churches of the North Side were celebrated. Among the denominations participating in the exercises were Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, and Baptist.

The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. Martin E. Cady.

At the Church of the Redeemer, Fifty-sixth street and Washington avenue, the pastor, the Rev. Percival McIntire, served the holy communion at 8 o'clock in the morning, and preached the Christmas sermon at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Axel Page, pastor of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kenwood, held similar services at the same hours.

At St. Gabriel's Church, Forty-fifth and Wallace streets, mass was read at 4 o'clock in the morning. The feature of the services was the singing of a chorus of 150 children from St. Gabriel's School.

At St. Jarlath's Church of the Epiphany, Jackson boulevard and Hermitage avenue, seven masses were observed during the day. The sermon was preached by the Rev. John Henry Hopkins.

SAVINGS LOST ON CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Mary Krieger, South Chicago, Drops $950, Result of Years of Economy of Herself and Husband.

Christmas day for Mrs. Mary Krieger, 8424 Buffalo avenue, was one of mourning. Her husband, John, is employed in the Illinois steel works, and for years he has intrusted his earnings to his wife for safekeeping. The woman kept the money secreted in a pocket in her clothing. The amount had reached $950, and the couple were preparing to purchase a home. Yesterday morning Mrs. Krieger started to the steel mills with a lunch for her husband. On her way home she discovered she had lost the money on the way to the mill. The greater part of the day was spent in vain in searching for it. In the evening the police were requested to assist in finding it.

CHRISTMAS QUIET IN HOTELS.

Elaborate Dinners Fail to Draw Half the Usual Number of People to Eat Them.

There was an air of Sunday quiet in all the big down-town hotels yesterday. In many cases the elaborate dinners which were served failed to bring half the usual number of guests to the dining-rooms.

"Everybody who has a home and can go there is there today," said Paul Gores of the Auditorium Annex, and that was the explanation of all. Registers, which usually have three and four pages of new arrivals, found one page sufficient to take care of yesterday's newcomers.

Almost the only evidences of holiday jollity were furnished by the private dinner parties.

POLITICIANS STAY AT HOME.

They All Observe Christmas, but Today Will Be in Chicago and Springfield.

The politicians observed Christmas yesterday and kept at their homes, whether in the city or the country. From now on until the time when the House caucus meets at Springfield, on Jan. 8, matters are expected to be lively. Governor-elect Yates will be in Springfield today, and Senator Cullom, Governor Tanner, and Congressman Cannon in Chicago. L. Y. Sherman will be in this city also. Congressman Hitt is expected here tomorrow or Friday. Next week every one will move to Springfield.

CELEBRATES AND THEN DIES.

Italian's Christmas Wine Affects His Heart and He Expires in the Early Morning.

One death is traceable to the Christmas celebration. Loroto Porretta, an Italian, who lived in a rooming-house at 95 Polk street, spent Monday evening in company with friends, drank wine, and helped sing his country songs. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning he died. The drink had affected his heart.

WARM WEATHER IN NEW YORK.

Springlike Temperature Brings Throngs Into the Streets—Feasts for All, Rich and Poor.

New York, Dec. 25.—One of the chief features of Christmas day in New York City and its vicinity was the weather. The rays of the sun after 9 o'clock in the morning were so genial that heavy wraps were uncomfortable and furs could not be endured, except as fashion dictated that they are the proper thing at this season of the year. The consequence of this almost springlike weather was that the churches were crowded and the streets were filled with merry throngs of men, women, and children.

It is estimated that more money was spent in Christmas gifts this year in New York than ever before, and the same is true in regard to charitable gifts. It was only because a case of destitution was kept hidden that the unfortunates were not supplied with Christmas cheer.

Of all the set Christmas feasts that of the Salvation Army at Madison Square Garden this evening was the largest. About 4,000 persons were fed.

Five hundred newsboys enjoyed the Christmas feast at the Newsboys' Home on Duane street this evening. The Christmas distribution of gifts took place at the home on Saturday night. Every boy received a present of a sweater. Those who had studied hard at the home's night school earned a suit of fleece-lined underwear.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gould provided a Christmas tree loaded with presents, and served a dainty luncheon to 200 school-children at Port Washington, L. I.

At the United Charities' office the distribution of Christmas gifts to the poor was not finished until late tonight.

Nearly 4,000 homeless men and friends of Senator Timothy D. Sullivan were guests today at his sixth annual Christmas dinner.

In the wards of the city hospitals there were Christmas sunshine and Christmas cheer. Unwonted smiles lit the faces of the sick, the maimed, the halt, and the blind, while the convalescents were regaled with luxuries and unusual delicacies.

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER CITIES.

Senator Hanna Makes a Speech at the Salvation Army's Dinner to the Poor of Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 25.—The Salvation Army fed 1,500 poor persons today in the Grays' Armory. Twenty-five long tables were used, covered with paper, and furnished with tin dishes. A large squad of police had a busy time keeping the men and boys in good order. Senator Hanna, who is a stanch friend of the Salvation Army, was present and was greeted with cheers. He made a short speech, in which he said:

"Christmas should be a happy day, consecrated to the highest sentiments of true happiness. It should be confined to no class or sect, but be consecrated to him who came to earth for all men.

"It is a happy day, made happy by these kind and noble men and women, whom I call practical Christians. I am glad to have occasion to express my appreciation of the Salvation Army. It is the kindergarten of Christianity.

"It fulfills the needs that other institutions fail to fill. It gives an opportunity to those who have none; it lays the foundation of law and good order; it advances higher civilization, and the City of Cleveland is fortunate in having such a band of Christian workers. This labor to be entirely successful should have the support of all good citizens."

Gift of a Check for $1,000.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The largest Christmas gift reported in this city was a check for $1,000 given by Uihlein Bros. to the German and English Academy.

Convicts at Joliet Remembered.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—At the penitentiary today the 1,200 convicts were served a special Christmas dinner of roast pork, apple sauce, and a long list of delicacies usually denied them. An entertainment was given in the prison chapel in the morning and the afternoon was devoted to writing letters and reading. A musical program was rendered at the women's prison in the afternoon.

St. Louis Unfortunates Remembered.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Inmates of the various prisons and charitable and corrective institutions of the city enjoyed Christmas along with the rest of the world today. There were special celebrations, in all of which religious services were a feature. A local paper provided 15,000 dinners for the poor in different parts of the city.

Elks Feed Roanoke, Va., Poor.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 25.—Roanoke Elks today fed Roanoke's poor in Assembly Hall. Several long tables were in the middle of the building and 500 visitors looked on. The dinner cost over $1,500. The idea of the Order of Elks giving Christmas cheer to the poor was originated in Roanoke several years ago and is now a custom throughout the entire country where there are any Elks.

RESTAURANT FOR MAIL CLERKS.

New Eating-House in Postoffice Building Will Be Opened on Thursday.

The Postoffice restaurant will be opened on Thursday morning, to be open to employés of the office at all hours. For the last ten days a force of workmen has been fixing up the gallery floor in the south end of the building on the lake front. A space 120x21 feet is inclosed by light woodwork and glass. A lunch counter for ninety persons has been erected in the center of the room, and another small room with ten tables is set aside for women. The proprietor of the restaurant has installed his own heating and lighting plant.

"HOW LONDON WOULD LOOK IF AMERICANS HAD THEIR WAY."

London is beginning to rebel against the invasion of its sacred and historical thoroughfares by American rapid transit promoters, and the Daily Mail publishes the above picture as a terrible warning of what may be expected if "the Yankee spirit" is not curbed. The metropolis is beginning to see in its dreams the stately, unruffled Thames disturbed by hundreds of fast-going steamers and the Victoria Embankment desecrated with elevated railway and cable cars. The picture is based on an interview with an unnamed American, who is quoted as pointing out the rich possibilities of London in the following fashion:

"Travel across London now! Why, it's like taking a trip across the United States! And yet look at the splendid river you have, entirely unused for passenger traffic. If we had our way for a little while we'd have the up-to-datest fleet of steamers you ever saw plying between Putney and Blackwall or Woolwich. There'd be no waiting. We'd have piers all up and down the river on both sides, and the steamers would call at each every four or five minutes. Winter would make no difference. The three-deckers, or two-deckers, if three were too high for your bridges, would run all through the seasons. Egad, to think the Thames should ebb and flow practically to no purpose, as it does now!

"And then your Embankment! What a magnificent thoroughfare for cable cars! We'd run a double line up and down between Blackfriars and Westminster. There'd be no intervals, but the cars should run practically continuously day and night. There would be elevated railways along the whole length of the Victoria Embankment. One would be overhanging the river and the other would be above the pavement on the opposite side of the road.

"Why, London would be a paradise. Of course, you Britishers pride yourselves on the 'view' and the 'effect' of your Embankment, but what you want is not show; you want elevated railways and cable cars, and electric lights four times the size and brilliancy of those you have. Then you could begin to go about your work in a businesslike way. And to think that your River Thames and the Embankment are practically unused!"

WANTS UNION IN EUROPE.

PAUL BEAULIEU URGES DEFENSIVE TRADE ALLIANCE.

In Letter to Vienna Newspaper He Asserts That American Commerce Is Becoming a Danger to All Older Nations—Says Tariff Agreement Is Absolutely Necessary to Check the Invasion of Entire Manufacturing Field—Old Methods Must Yield.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—Paul Leroy Beaulieu has written a letter to the Tageblatt advocating the formation of an economical federation in Europe owing to the enormous commercial development in the United States.

M. Leroy-Beaulieu, who is a noted French economist and a member of the French Institute, thus refers to the United States:

It is on the point of becoming by far the most important economic factor in the world. It may henceforth be regarded as the first industrial nation, and its superiority will become more strikingly evident year by year. Moreover, it will soon have a considerable mercantile marine."

Americans Scorn Europeans.

After declaring that the Americans are already accustomed to regard Europeans, especially those inhabiting the continent, in about the same light as they regard Orientals, who vegetate in dreams of the past, M. Leroy-Beaulieu contends that if Europe persists in confining herself within such narrow boundaries she will be condemned to lead a vegetative existence.

He proceeds to advocate as a panacea economic alliance which may possibly subsequently develop into a political alliance, which is certainly to be desired. The proposed alliance rests in the first instance on a reform of interstate customs duties. M. Leroy-Beaulieu says it would be chimerical to suppose it possible in 100 or 200 years to abolish all customs between the different states, but this would not be necessary. It would suffice to reduce them considerably by means of clearly defined commercial treaties concluded for a long period.

The maximum should, with few exceptions, be 12 per cent, and a permanent European customs commission should be appointed, intrusted with the arranging of successive reductions in the duties and establishing the closest possible interstate relations. There cannot be a doubt of the possibility of such an arrangement. It is the only system by which Europe can maintain a great and increasing economic development.

Times Grows Alarmed.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 26, 3 a. m.—The Times this morning prints another long article upon the progress of American steel and iron competition, concluding as follows:

"How much of the world's expansion will America take from us? How much will she leave for us to struggle over with other manufacturing nations? Apparently the problem will be solved far sooner than has been generally expected. The abnormal demand of the United States for its own engineering products is fast slackening, thus bringing the marvelous increase in American manufacturing capacity for the last five years and especially for the last three, to bear upon foreign markets. It is a question paramount to all others, even to the efficiency of the navy subsidy."

RUSSIA APPROVES AMENDMENT.

Novoe Vremya Says There Is Precedent for Action on Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Novoe Vremya, discussing the English newspaper indictment of the United States Senate for "its unparalleled attempt to overturn the Clayton-Bulwer treaty," says:

"The case is not unusual. Conditions have changed and the treaty must change, too. Russia afforded an example in 1870 in declaring that she was no longer bound by her promise not to maintain war vessels in the Black Sea."

The Bourse Gazette says:

"Russia is gratified by America's diplomatic victory over England. Western Europe dislikes the Monroe doctrine, because it desires to grab territories everywhere. Russia, which has sympathized with America since her independence, which liquidated American possessions to America, has nothing against the Monroe doctrine, and the old sympathies have grown more cordial in China."

PASTOR-EDITOR GIVES UP.

The Rev. Dr. Parker Says the Church Is a Hospital and That Manliness Is Dead.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Rev. D. Parker, pastor of the City Temple, referred in the course of his Christmas sermon today to his week's rectorship of the Sun, a half-penny afternoon paper. His remarks revealed that he was disappointed by the non-success of his anti-gambling crusade in that paper.

He said he almost feared it was impossible for a daily paper to live without gambling. Christians were dead or it would not be so. A theoretical Christian laid aside his Bible and hymn book to follow the betting news. A Christian of this type barred the greatest reformation the world would ever see—namely: In the region of journalism.

Continuing, Mr. Parker said:

"The letters I received during my rectorship from nominal Christians disgusted me. Christians are becoming invalids, and the church is a hospital. Nurses are wanted. Manliness is dead."

BRIGHT CHRISTMAS IN PARIS.

Boulevards and Cafes Crowded Night and Day by Sightseers and Shoppers.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Christmastide was favored in France with bright, cheerful weather, and Parisians celebrated it in characteristic fashion. All the restaurants and cafés were crowded on Christmas Eve with festive supper parties, which did not disperse until early this morning. At midnight masses, with special musical attractions, filled the leading churches to overflowing.

The boulevards today were filled with throngs inspecting the attractive little booths which had been erected in continuous lines along both sidewalks, and in which toys, candies, fancy articles, and other Christmas novelties were displayed.

Trade greatly in excess of that of previous years was done by the booth-holders.

The charitable side of the festival was represented by numbers of free meals and seasonable gifts to poor families and outcasts. Mme. Loubet gave 7,000 francs to be used for the relief of widows in needy circumstances.

PRINCES DINE WITH PEASANTS.

People's Palace at St. Petersburg Is Opened by Feast Joined In by High and Low.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—The Prince of Oldenbourg, President of the government Temperance committee, at noon today declared the People's Palace open to the public. After the inaugural ceremonies, the Prince and twenty of the higher army officers, including the commanding Generals, along with high officials, including noblemen and their families, dined side by side with peasants and the families of workingmen.

Mme. Cuignet to Visit Her Husband.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Mme. Cuignet, wife of Major Cuignet, who was recently ordered by the Minister of War to be detained for two months in a fortress for violating army discipline, has been authorized to visit her husband.

Milan's Foes Believed in Plot.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

BELGRADE, Dec. 25.—Revolutionary bills, hostile to King Alexander, have been posted here. It is believed that this is a political dodge on the part of the King's friends to enable the prosecution of ex-King Milan, the King's father.

FORMS A TRUST IN CANADA.

Chicago Man Succeeds in Getting All Stove Manufacturers to Organize a Syndicate.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—After nearly a year's work, Mr. McCauley of Chicago has got all Canada stovemakers to form a syndicate. The firms which have joined are Tilden company, Hamilton; Gurney company, Toronto; McCleary company, St. Catharines; Buck company, Brantford; Sarnia company, Sarnia; and all the firms in Quebec Province. The capital is placed at $6,000,000, and the works of the combine will eventually concentrate at Hamilton and Toronto.

SAY TUAN IS PRISONER.

SEVERAL OFFENDING PRINCES DECLARED TO BE UNDER ARREST.

Belief Expressed That They Have Been Ordered to Signan Fu to Be Executed in Compliance with Note of the Powers — Hankow Viceroy Uneasy About Arms—Note of Envoys Presented to Prince Ching and Favorable Reply Expected.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, Dec. 26, 3 a. m.—The latest story regarding the Chinese officials accused of complicity in the Boxer outrages comes to the Standard in a dispatch from Shanghai to the effect that the government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang and ordered the oft-killed Yu Hsien, ex-Governor of Shinsi, to return to Singan-Fu forthwith, it is believed with the view to his execution.

It is inferred from this that the government is preparing to concede the demands contained in the preliminary note of the powers.

Hankow Viceroy Uneasy.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Hankow says that Viceroy Chang Chih Tung has personally requested the missionaries to return to their posts in the Provinces of Hunan and Hupee. The dispatch adds that the Viceroy is exceedingly anxious about the demand of the powers that arms and munitions of war shall not be imported into China. His arsenal at Hanyang is working night and day producing small arms.

China Has Note of Powers.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

PEKIN, Dec. 24, 6 p. m.—The preliminary demand note of the powers was presented today to Prince Ching, one of the representatives of the throne. Li Hung Chang, the other envoy, was sick and was not able to be present when the note was handed to his colleague by the Ministers of the various great powers. Señor B. J. de Cologan, the Spanish Minister and dean of the diplomatic corps, presented the note to Prince Ching, saying:

"I have the honor to hand to you a note in which the foreign representatives set forth in the name of their respective governments the conditions necessary for the re-establishment of friendly relations with China. I beg you to transmit it to his Majesty, the Emperor of China, and to give us as prompt a reply as possible."

Reply of Prince Ching.

In accepting the note Prince Ching said:

"Having now received from the Ministers of the powers a peace proposal, I beg to state that I will at once send it to his Majesty the Emperor. On receipt of his Majesty's decree I will then send a reply."

The joint meeting then adjourned. It is the unanimous opinion of the Ministers that China will accept the conditions within a month. The note has already been forwarded to the Emperor and Dowager Empress, and it will probably reach them at Singan-fu next Thursday.

The missionaries are again reporting trouble with Boxers. They say that on Dec. 21 twelve Catholics were killed thirty-five miles east of Pekin, and that eight others have been burned in temples by Boxers. The military authorities are investigating these reports.

French Find Hidden Arms.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin states that the French troops have discovered a quantity of hidden arms at Hung Tsu, thirty kilomteers southwest of Tien Tsin. In an engagement with Boxers on Dec. 21 the French lost an officer killed and two wounded. The troops burned the town.

ENGLISH OF CHINESE SCHOLAR.

Unique Proclamation Constructed and Posted in Tien Tsin by the Interpreter, Sam Wah.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—[Special.—Friends in Washington of First Lieutenant Henry D. Fosterlong of the marine corps who participated in the recent campaign in China, have received from him copies of a proclamation prepared by Sam Wah, a Chinese scholar, and issued with the sanction of the commander of the American marines at Tien Tsin. The proclamation is in Sam Wah's best English and is interesting not only for that reason, but on account of the provision contained for the personal safety of its author.

The proclamation follows:

I am very sorry for all the good inhabitants that there is a great confusion took place on which you met with. I inform you to be peaceful by Major of U. S. M. C., when this proclamation is hanging to all building of all the streets so I order all the people stayed with in the American section and all the soldiers of all nations as follows:—

1—Many kinds of weapons are not allowed to keep in all dwellings belonging to this section and your inhabitants should send the weapons to the interpreter of U. S. M. C. S. S. Wah's house if you have kept before.

2—You should take the great care for the fire setting out in any time. The Tien-Tsin water society must be allowed to carry water in putting down the fire as possible.

3—You should come to U. S. M. C. Reporting all soldiers of all nations or the native robbers when they disturb in any buildings of this section.

4—I have paid the wages to the labours to bury all death and clean all streets to take away the dirts, and you should keep the cleanliness.

5—If all the escaped people like to come back to their original buildings, I must protect you by the American force and you may stay here as usual.

6—All native shops should open for sale, because you certainly live upon this purpose. If any person disturb the shops or do not pay the money for buying things, I must give some punishments to them.

7—All soldiers of the United States forces in the city will give protection to the Chinese scholar—Wah. All people are directed to preserve order and behave in a quiet, orderly manner.

By order of the Guard of American troops in the Southeast quarter.

ALGERIAN CHIEFTAIN YIELDS.

Marabout Bonamama Submits to France from His Oasis Retreat.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Marabout Bonamama, after leading successive insurrections in the southern part of the Department of Oran, recently fled into the Figuig Oasis, from where he offered submission to the government. His offer has been definitely accepted. The submission of this leader is considered to be a most important step for the government in the pacification of the Algerian hinterland.

Pope Pleased Over the Jubilee.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

ROME, Dec. 25.—The Pope is much satisfied by the success of the jubilee. He is preparing to hold ordinary receptions. The buying of tickets has commenced for the Pope's mass, which will be celebrated at midnight on Dec. 31 in St. Peter's.

Huge Death Roll in Mysore.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 25.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the Viceroy of India, in the course of a speech today, said that since the appearance of the bubonic plague in 1898 25,000 deaths from the disease have occurred in the Mysore State.

New War Minister in Japan.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 25.—General Kodama, Governor of Mosa, will succeed Marshal Viscount Katsura as Minister of War.

Prince of Siam in St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Crown Prince Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh of Siam has arrived here from the West.

Earthquake Shock at Finisterre.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Three successive earthquake shocks were felt on Saturday at the village of Pouliguenu, near Moriaix, Finisterre.

Pay a little, then a little monthly, and wear a diamond. Loftis Bros., 108 State-st.

REPORT FIGHT IN DE AAR DISTRICT.

Boers Said to Be Engaged with British, but No Details Are Given.

NEAR CRISIS IN COLONY.

Dutch Settlers Thought to Be Waiting for Chance to Join In.

KITCHENER HARD AT WORK.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 25.—Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown after commandeering all supplies available.

Cape Situation Critical.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, Dec. 26, 3 a. m.—The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance. According to the Morning Post's Cape Town correspondent, everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, 100 of whom have joined the Boers in the Philipstown district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony, and gradually raise the whole Cape in rebellion. Reinforcements can arrive none too soon.

Most of the dispatches from Cape Town describe the raiders as doing little harm, and as being rapidly inclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination. Lord Kitchener is in the heart of the disaffected districts. He has the advantage of being personally acquainted with local conditions. Last March he supervised the suppression of the rising which occurred then. He is bringing down thousands of troops from the north.

Martial Law Now Impossible.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds:

"Such a step is now impossible, owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

Dark Days at Cape Town.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent quotes local papers as saying that never in the dark days a year ago were the Boers so far south or the prospects graver. Reports from various parts of the western provinces foreshadow perilous possibilities unless the invasion is completely checked.

A responsible colonist, who recently traveled from Upington to Humansdorp, is credited with declaring that 90 per cent of the people in the country districts are simply awaiting the arrival of the Boers or the appearance of a resourceful leader as a signal to rebel.

Meanwhile there is little news of actual operations. General Kitchener has gone from De Aar to Naauwpoort to take direction of the operations, and it is reported that he is concentrating troops in great numbers to crush the invasion. It is stated that his energy, combined with the home government's awakening to the seriousness of the situation, has greatly restored confidence.

It does not escape notice, however, that the invaders, when they were driven out of Britstown, penetrated farther into the Cape Colony, seeking to reach Prieska and Carnarvon, where they obtained certain successes early in the war. An attempt is apparently impending to dispose of the eastern invaders, who are intrenched in the Zuurnberg Mountains.

Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the colony, and the movements of both the Boers and the British are almost unknown in Cape Town.

It appears that one Boer column attacked Steynsburg, but was repulsed and fled, intrenching itself in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Venterstad. Mounted colonial troops surprised 300 Boers fifteen miles from Burghersdorp on Dec. 23, and, after a brisk interchange of volleys, retired with a loss of two men.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times telegraphs that scarcely any Cape colonists have joined the invaders.

Boer Defeat at Steynsburg.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 25.—The Boers who were repulsed at Steynsburg fled to the Zuurberg mountains, where they intrenched themselves. It is believed that they have already been driven out of their positions.

The latest advices received here are to the effect that Britstown is still occupied by the Boers. A Boer officer there announced that the Boers were now acting on their own hook and were looking out for themselves.

A large bicycle corps is being formed here to guard the British communications.

De Aar Railway Restored.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—[Delayed.]—Regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect; only a culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere as the result of heavy rains.

British Occupy Britstown.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The War office makes public the following dispatch from General Lord Kitchener:

"NAAUWPOORT, Dec. 24.—Thorneycroft's mounted troops have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed."

New Zealand to Add Men.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 25.—The government has asked the Governor, the Earl of Ranfurly, to inform Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that it does not wish the New Zealand contingent in south Africa to be diminished, that drafts will be forwarded to fill the ranks and that additional mounted men will be sent.

DOWAGER LADY CHURCHILL DIES

Member of the Queen's Personal Suite Expires Suddenly at Osborne.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bed chamber and an intimate friend of the Queen, was found dead in her bedroom at Osborne this morning. On retiring last night she complained of cold, but no alarming symptoms manifested themselves, and her indisposition was not thought to be of a serious nature.

Lord William Beresford Better.

[Special Cable to The Chicago Tribune.]

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The condition of Lord William Beresford, who is suffering with peritonitis, shows improvement today.

If You Have Dyspepsia

Send no money, but write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., Box 15, for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative; express paid. If cured, pay $5—if not, it is free.

SPECIAL SESSION IS NOT EXPECTED

Congress Likely to Dispose of All Legislation in Need of Immediate Action.

ARMY BILL IS IN DOUBT.

Plan Arranged Whereby Makeshift Clause Now Effective Can Be Continued.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON BUREAU CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.

Small Chance of Extra Session Being Needed.

According to the current opinion here the work of the present session of Congress will be confined to the passage of the usual appropriation bills, the war revenue repeal, the river and harbor act, and the army reorganization bill. There is said to be no danger of an extra session. To call Congress together in unusual session would be justified only by total failure of one of the big appropriation bills or the reorganization measure. The war revenue repeal and the river and harbor bill could both fail without making a special session at all necessary. Even the passage of the army reorganization bill is not deemed absolutely indispensable.

Our troops are now in the Philippines under a makeshift which creates a temporary army of 100,000 men, expiring by limitation with the end of the present fiscal year, when the army would by law be reduced to less than 30,000 men. It would be possible to supply another makeshift by a mere paragraph added to an appropriation bill or elsewhere continuing the present arrangement for two or three years more. There are hints that this is what is most likely to be done.

There are some men in the Senate who are likely to talk against the reorganization measure, and, owing to the limited time, it is easy to prevent a vote. Besides this, the House and Senate are at variance regarding the details of the reorganization. For these reasons it is being whispered about that a determined effort will be made to pass the army bill, but if worst comes to worst a paragraph will be inserted in an appropriation bill continuing in force the present military system for two years from July 1 next.

Such a policy could be adopted in both Houses, and thus all necessity for an extra session would be avoided.

Only One Change in Cabinet Is Probable.

As President McKinely has been reelected, there will be comparatively few nominations made, and the Senate would not have to remain in special session more than a day or two. From the present outlook Attorney General Griggs will be the only Cabinet officer to retire, and when his successor is appointed and confirmed all the other nominations could be easily left over until the regular session in December.

Among the dinner-givers of the evening were the British Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote, who, in addition to their house guests, Sir Percy Sanderson of New York and his sister, Miss Sanderson, entertained at dinner all the members of the embassy staff with their families. Tomorrow evening a dinner will be given to a distinguished company of guests.

Canal Bill Out of the Question at This Session.

The present program in Congress apparently does not contemplate final action, either on the Nicaragua Canal or on the ship subsidy bill. The Hay treaty will not be in the hands of the British Foreign office until Jan. 1. The amendments made by the United States Senate are so far reaching that they will naturally require careful consideration. The Queen's government would hardly presume to accept or reject them with any unbecoming haste, and particularly so because this government took about nine months after the treaty was negotiated before it formulated its amendments. The treaty was before the Senate last spring considerably over three months without any action being taken, and hence it is assumed that the British people will be equally deliberate. To pass any kind of a canal bill pending final action on the amended treaty would undoubtedly be considered by the whole British nation as an intentional insult.

Th present protocols with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, as was first pointed out in THE TRIBUNE, were so drawn as to be made dependent upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and it will be impossible to renew negotiations with those two nations until the answer from Great Britain is received. The President is a warm friend of the canal and is pledged to its support, but he would not hesitate to veto any canal bill pending a reply from the British Foreign office.

This complicated situation, which is greatly relished by the agents of the transcontinental railroads, renders it absolutely certain that no canal legislation can be had at this session of Congress, unless the British Foreign office accepts the Senate amendments, and accepts them with a haste which is entirely out of harmony with all diplomatic traditions.

There is a rumor here that Sir Henry Howard, the present British Ambassador to the Netherlands, will succeed Lord Pauncefote when he retires from the embassy here.

Belief General That Subsidy Bill Is Doomed.

No one will give a reason for the general belief that the ship subsidy bill is dead and buried, but it is a matter of current gossip that several of the most influential members of the Senate have come to the conclusion that while subsidies may or may not prove the means of building up the merchant marine, the present measure has been doctored and amended so often that neither the people nor the members of Congress have had time to study it properly. For this reason the Senators have concluded this is not the proper time to press the subject of the bill, and it is a matter of current gossip that the appropriation bills and the army debate will be used skillfully to head off further action on the subsidy measure. Senator Hanna is still as confident as ever that he can pass the bill to which he has devoted so much hard work, but it is a significant fact that many of the men who a month ago predicted the passage of this bill with a rush now say its chances are at least precarious if not hopeless.

No Precedent Is Expected in Diamond Ring Case.

Members of Congress and officials generally do not look for any important decision from the Supreme Court on the cases argued last week. In what is known as the diamond ring case, in which Mr. Aldrich of Chicago filed his brief, the opportunities for the evasion of the real points at issue are so great that they are quite likely to present themselves in one form or another to different Justices. While the diamond rings were brought into this country after the treaty of peace had been signed, it is nevertheless true that martial law existed in the Philippines at the direct result of the treaty itself, and it is believed the court will be disposed to take cognisance of this fact. In fact, it is said to be a general principle, particularly of international law, that changes from one sovereignty to another cannot be expected to occur on the tick of the clock, but that a reasonable time must necessarily be allowed for the transference of authority and for a change of method.

Those who have studied the case expect the Supreme Court will in most of these preliminary cases hold that the government is acting under its war power and hence cannot be interfered with by the civil courts until it attempts distinctly to proceed under civil methods in opposition to the direction of the constitution. The real cause at issue, it is said, cannot be made out for the Philippines at all, because Congress has not legislated for the islands at all. In the case of Porto Rico the question applies to property since the passage of the law establishing a civil government there and denying to the inhabitants citizenship in the United States and distinctly creating by law a revenue system between the island and the mainland. In all the later Porto Rican cases the issue is clearly joined.

The Supreme Court has to decide whether, when the constitution prescribes that duties and imposts must be uniform throughout the United States, it referred merely to the commonwealths called States, or to the Territories, either organized or unorganized, which belong to those States. These Porto Rican cases are set for hearing at the first session of the court in January, and it is believed probable that the diamond ring cases will be considered at the same time. Otherwise the decision in the purely Porto Rican cases would be foreshadowed by the court, and that is something the Justices never allow to be done. It is believed the court will hear arguments for about a week and then take its decisions under advisement.

Prosperity Felt by Washington Shopkeepers.

Washington merchants have reason to be thankful for the reelection of President McKinley, which is directly responsible for the largest sales ever made by the tradesmen of the national capital during the two weeks preceding Christmas. Notwithstanding the civil service law, when there is a change of administration many government employés lose their positions, this being particularly true of the chiefs of divisions and others who get the largest salaries paid by the government. Consequently when the administration in power is defeated at the polls nearly all the government clerks begin to hoard their earnings, and, of course, the tradesmen feel the effects of this immediately after election and for the following year.

Those who are expecting to lose their positions curtail the number of presents they usually give so as to help to provide for a rainy day. It is well known the majority of the working people of this city are government employés, and it is easy to see the withholding money that would otherwise be put in circulation makes serious inroads in the profits of the merchants.

It is an entirely different story, however, when the party in power is reëlected, for the clerks, who feel secure, except at election times and just before elections, spend their salaries freely, especially at Christmas. A visit to the shopping district today shows the merchants have disposed of their entire stocks, there being many empty shelves, and in numerous instances the windows are entirely stripped of the stock of goods used for display.

President and Mrs. McKinley Have Quiet Day.

This was the quietest Christmas the White House has seen for a number of years. President McKinley did not even follow his usual custom and go to church, but instead he and Mrs. McKinley went for a ride in the morning and again in the afternoon. A few friends called during the day and looked at the presents, which were of all descriptions. The President and Mrs. McKinley did not even tell their friends what they gave each other, but it would be easier to say what they did not receive than what they did. Mrs. Hanna remembered her White House friends with a magnificent onyx vase, while Mrs. Hobart sent a vase of enamel, one of Tiffany's exquisite pieces.

The present most generally admired was a spread and shams of Russian drawn work. This was made of Holland linen of natural color, with the varying shades of the flowers woven in in their correct tints. From relatives and friends were quantities of silver gifts and cut-glass articles, while the room in which these gifts were displayed was a mass of flowers, the gifts of friends who wished to show some little delicate attention to the first lady of the land.

Mrs. McKinley was not strong enough to look at all the gifts, and she will have many a happy hour still in opening the remaining packages. President and Mrs. McKinley invited in a number of friends informally to help dispose of one of the official turkeys. The guests were Secretary and Mrs. Cortelyou, General and Mrs. Sternberg, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, Mrs. Heistand, and Adjutant General Corbin.

White House Is Not Equal to Necessities.

When the recent centennial celebration was under way here a model of the proposed additions to the White House was exhibited in the East Room. It was constructed under the direction of Colonel Bingham, the engineer officer in charge of the White House grounds, and it was merely a modification of the design prepared originally for Mrs. Harrison, who was a notable housekeeper and who chafed under the extraordinary domestic restrictions of the White House. The design which was exhibited this year in plaster met with the instant condemnation of the American Institute of Architects, who protested against this desecration of a historical and really beautiful building merely to satisfy the crude architectural idea of an army officer. It was supposed, of course, that the design had the approval of President McKinley, but it appears that this is not at all the case.

It is said both the President and Mrs. McKinley do not approve of the proposed additions, and the Cabinet officers, so far as they have discussed the matter, are also of the opinion that the design is an architectural mistake. The idea is gaining ground that the only way out of the difficulty will be to build a separate house for the President where he can live and hold social receptions, reserving the present White House entirely for official purposes. In this way the President could be at the White House during the day as at an office, and during the rest of the time could have some measure of privacy.

The suggestion has also been made that Lafayette Square, immediately opposite the White House, could be utilized for the purpose of building a Presidential residence without in any way detracting from its value as a park. In fact it is believed that the location of a handsome two or three story marble or granite house in the center of the large square, which could then be cut off by a picket fence, would be much more acceptable to the old residents in the neighborhood than the present park, whose benches at night are almost invariably occupied by the humbler and duskier citizens of the District.

President's Wife Lacks Morning Sitting-Room.

That there is pressing necessity either for an extension of the present White House or the building of a separate home for the President nobody denies. It is sufficient to say that Mrs. McKinley really has no morning room of her own at all. During the President's busy hours when prominent men throng in upon him he is obliged to use the library of the Executive Mansion to accommodate some of the more distinguished of his visitors. Thus it happens that Mrs. McKinley is frequently obliged either to sit in her bedroom or to go down to one of the cheerless state drawing-rooms on the first floor. Besides this, the White House as a scene of state receptions is almost grotesque, and the facilities for handling a large crowd are exceeded by those in any first-class house in New York or Chicago.

Countess Albertina has just arrived from Paris and is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. R. Hitt.

HANNA DENIES SUBSIDY LOBBY.

Senator Declares Shipping Measure Must Pass on Its Merits—Says Foreign Companies Fight Bill.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 25.—Senator Hanna was informed today of a statement which is in circulation to the effect that there was a powerful lobby in favor of the subsidizing of American shipping at the Philadelphia convention and in Washington.

"The only lobby of that kind that I know anything about," was the Senator's answer, "is a lobby of foreign steamship companies which is trying to defeat the bill. There was no lobby at Philadelphia at all.

"The subsidy bill is a business measure, and there is no desire to force it through Congress. We want it to go through on its merits. It has been three years in preparation and has been amended twenty times. The President, in all his messages, has urged the necessity of some such measure, and it was made a plank in the St. Louis platform and the Philadelphia platform. The details are left to Congress to work out."

CHICAGO'S POSTOFFICE PASSES $7,000,000 MARK IN BUSINESS OF YEAR.

Receipts Increase Nearly $1,000,000 Over Last Year, While Expenditures Show Only Half as Much Growth—Figures in Detail.

The Chicago Postoffice has passed the $7,000,000 mark in the amount of business done in a year. This is a gain of almost $1,000,000 since last year. A statement presented to Postmaster Gordon yesterday shows the receipts of the office to have been $7,048,816, compared with $6,347,320 in 1899. The last ten days of December are estimated. The receipts show an increase of 11.05 per cent, while the expenditures increase only 6.88 over 1899. The following table shows the business done by quarters:

RECEIPTS.	1900.	1899.	Increase.
First	$1,709,835	$1,572,851	$137,008
Second	1,993,194	1,868,298	124,896
Third	1,712,126	1,511,698	200,428
Fourth	1,933,651	1,694,482	239,169
Totals	$7,048,816	$6,347,320	$701,495

EXPENDITURES.	1900.	1899.	Increase.
Clerks' pay roll	$1,162,363	$1,051,038	$111,325
Free delivery	1,373,480	1,320,176	53,312
Special delivery	29,201	23,766	5,435
Miscellaneous	125,779	122,088	3,691
Postmaster	6,000	6,000	.....
Totals	$2,696,833	$2,523,068	$173,764

TALK FROM KEY WEST TO CUBA.

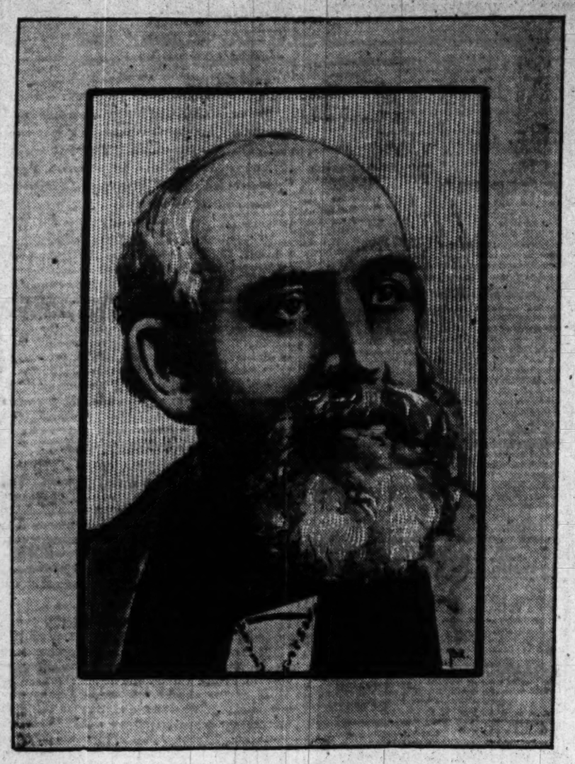
Telephone Instruments Connected with Gulf Cable and Words Are Transmitted.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 25.—An interesting experiment has just been made here. In the presence of several prominent persons the officers of a telephone company connected the telephone wires here and at Havana with the gulf cable between the two cities. For a few minutes a roaring noise prevented any communication, but finally this subsided and the officials heard from Havana distinctly the words "I cannot understand you," clearly transmitted. Havana, however, failed to clearly understand. The experiment was regarded as highly successful.

Shares Profits with Employes.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 25.—The employés of the Bourne mills, who are entitled to a part in the profit-sharing plan in use by the corporation, have received a bonus of 3½ per cent on the wages earned from June 9 to Dec. 8 of this year. This is the twenty-third semi-annual dividend paid by the corporation under this plan.

THE RT. REV. C. R. HALE, WHO DIED YESTERDAY.



The Episcopal Bishop Coadjutor of the Springfield diocese passed away after a lingering illness at Cairo, Ill. He wrote a great number of books for scholars and was one of the best linguists in the United States.

BISHOP C. R. HALE DEAD.

COADJUTOR OF SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT DIES AT CAIRO.

Had Been Ill for a Number of Years and Finally Succumbs to Attack of Heart Disease — Funeral Services Will Be Conducted by Bishop Seymour — Was Noted Writer of Church Subjects — Will Be Buried at Philadelphia.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The Rt. Rev. Charles R. Hale, Bishop of Cairo, died at the Halliday Hotel in this city today, aged 63 years.

Bishop Charles R. Hale died today at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon. The end came suddenly. Last evening he asked that holy communion be administered, stating that if he did not receive the sacrament before Christmas afternoon it would be too late. The body will lie in state in the Church of the Redeemer until Friday, when the funeral will be held. Bishop Seymour will have charge of the arrangements. The burial will be in Philadelphia.

Bishop Hale left an estate said to be worth in the neighborhood of $50,000. This he inherited from his father, Reuben Charles Hale, a prominent Philadelphia lawyer. He was Quartermaster General in the union army during the civil war.

Bishop Hale leaves a brother, W. W. Hale of Alden, Ia., and two sisters, Mrs. Mullen and Miss Hale of Pittsburg.

The Rt.-Rev. Charles R. Hale, D. D., LL.D., was born in Lewiston, Pa., on March 14, 1837. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and was ordained a priest in 1862. In the next year he was appointed chaplain in the navy. He was rector of various Eastern churches after the war, and in 1886 came West and became dean of Davenport, Ia.

In 1892 he was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Springfield, his special charge being the southern half of Illinois. He was the author of a number of ecclesiastic works.

Bishop Hale was a voluminous writer of books for scholars and thinkers. He was a linguist of great repute, and had one of the best private libraries relating to liturgical subjects in the United States. Perhaps no man in the Episcopal Church knew more about Eastern churches than he.

DEATH OF DANIEL E. ROOT.

Former County Commissioner and President of the Cook County Democracy Expires Suddenly.

Daniel E. Root, a former County Commissioner and President of the Cook County Democracy, died at an early hour yesterday morning at the family residence, 3544 Ellis avenue. Death was due to apoplexy. On the evening preceding Mr. Root had been in the best of spirits, but before retiring he complained of a pain in his chest. At 3:30 o'clock Christmas morning Mrs. Root awoke to find her husband had expired. He had died in his sleep.

Mr. Root was nearly 65 years of age. In 1885 he ran for Alderman in the Fourth Ward on the Democratic ticket, and in that strong Republican center was defeated by only 218 votes. Under the Hopkins administration he was superintendent of the repair shop, and when President Cleveland was in Chicago in 1893, to start the machinery at the World's Fair, he was chairman of the County board which acted as an escort. Mr. Root was Vice President of the Cook County Democracy from April 1, 1895, to Sept. 1, 1897.

Mr. Root was born at Westminster, Md., in 1836. When 20 years old he went to Mount Pleasant, Ia., where in 1871 he married Martha Katherine Cooper, who survives him. A year later Mr. and Mrs. Root moved to Chicago, where they have resided ever since. Until he retired from active business duties a year ago Mr. Root was identified with the live-stock commission business.

Besides the widow three brothers and one sister survive. They are Colonel Richard Root, ex-Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate; Howard R. Root of Kansas City; Zachariah T. Root, 5650 Indiana avenue; and Mrs. I. N. Roland of Freeport, Ill.

The body will be taken to Mount Pleasant, Ia., for interment.

COL. HENRY B. HARSHAW DIES.

Former State Treasurer of Wisconsin and Prominent Republican Politician Passes Away at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Colonel Henry B. Harshaw, ex-State Treasurer, died at the home of his brother-in-law today of cancer of the tongue. He was 58 years of age and had been a resident of Wisconsin since 1852, during which time he was prominent in civil and military life. He was born in Argyle, N. Y., June 13, 1842. In 1854 he settled at Oshkosh. Mr. Harshaw enlisted as private in Company E, Second Wisconsin, April 21, 1861, and was mustered out a Lieutenant in 1864. He was elected State Treasurer on the Republican ticket in November, 1886.

DEATH OF JAMES WADSWORTH.

Resident of Chicago for Fifty-five Years Passes Away at His Home, 6317 Lexington Avenue.

James Wadsworth, a resident of Chicago for fifty-five years, died early this morning of pneumonia at his residence, 6317 Lexington avenue. Mr. Wadsworth had been in the real estate business for twenty-five years.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARIA L. BAXTER, Chicago, died at the Chicago Hospital on Monday evening. She was the widow of Lieutenant John Baxter. She was born in 1828 in Jefferson County, N. Y., a daughter of Silas F. Spicer. She removed West with her husband in 1855, settling first in Janesville, Wis., removing to Chicago in 1878. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. N. K. Goodrich of this city, and one son, Edson C. Baxter of Butte, Mont. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at the residence of J. B. Webb, 117 Clinton avenue, Oak Park.

MRS. MARY ANN FELL, Bloomington, Ill., one of the pioneer women of McLean County, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Fulwiler, aged 90 years. She was the widow of Robert Fell and a cousin of Bayard Taylor, author, poet, and traveler. She was born at Westchester, Pa., her maiden name being Woodward.

FRANK H. MORRIS, the murdered auditor for the War department, was buried at Cleveland, O. The body was brought there yesterday from Washington, being accompanied by the widow and son of the deceased. Brief funeral services were held in the chapel at Lake View Cemetery. The remains were placed in a vault.

TRAGEDY AT A CHILD'S WAKE.

Father of Dead Girl Is Mysteriously Wounded and One of the Watchers Attempts to Hang Himself.

Britton, S. D., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—One man cut so seriously that he may die and another saved from suicide just in the nick of time, are remarkable incidents following the death of a little girl near Veblen, this county.

A number of friends gathered at the house of John Pypiar to sit up with the remains of his daughter. During the evening Pypiar was found lying between the house and the barn with several gashes in his skull and with his throat and neck severely injured. He was picked up for dead.

Upon seeing his condition Moses La Frombois disappeared and a little later was discovered hanging from the limb of a tree near the barn. He was cut down before life was extinct. Pypiar is in a fair way to recover. La Frombois is under arrest to await the result of the injuries to Pypiar.

London Evangelist to Speak.

Rowland Edwards, the London lawyer evangelist, will be the principal speaker at the noonday meeting at the Chicago Avenue Washington and Clark streets. He will speak today, Thursday, and Friday to both men and women.

Freight Agent Drew Is Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—Austen T. Drew, General Freight Agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, while riding horseback today in Forest Park, fell from his horse, causing concussion of the brain. He died tonight.

FORTUNE COMES CHRISTMAS DAY.

Two Chicago Women Informed of Inheritance of $50,000 in California.

DEATH OF RICH UNCLE.

Crocker Sisters, Living at 3612 Vincennes Avenue, Now Can Cease Working.

STORY OF A LARGE FAMILY.

Christmas cheer came to two women in Chicago, brought by a dispatch from Richmond, Ind. It told how they had become heirs to $50,000 by the death of an uncle in California.

This Christmas story in real life began when James K. Polk was President. The Crocker family in Pittsburg consisted of ten brothers and sisters. Some of them had married and settled down. Others wanted to see life. The discovery of gold in California gave the natural bent of Benjamin its opportunity. He joined in the rush to the gold fields, being among the first to venture across the plains.

Benjamin reached the gold fields, having better success in meeting the perils of the journey than the major part of the first argonauts. Success also met his efforts with the pan, and he won a fair prize. When the hunt for gold was over with him, he did not return, but cast his lot with the gold State.

Back East Peter Crocker labored on in the upbuilding of his home. Two daughters were born to him. It was in 1853 he was seized with a fatal illness. His widow and her two children, scarcely more than babes, were left to meet the world alone. For over forty years the three held together until three years ago, when death took the mother.

Taught to Earn Their Living.

The girls were taught early in life to earn their own living. Ella came to Chicago soon after the fire and took up the study of vocal music. Then she became a teacher of music, and was soon joined by her mother and sister Anna. She sang in churches, and this with her teaching supported the family. Later she taught in New York and in Pittsburg, but Chicago continued to be her home.

All this time Benjamin Crocker, whom the nieces never had seen, continued to grow in wealth in California. Two of his sisters and a brother moved to the coast and joined him. Twice he was married, and twice he was bereaved. A daughter also died, and in his old age he was left alone. No letters ever passed between the rich uncle and the two nieces struggling along in Chicago. The latter knew that their Uncle Benjamin was wealthy, and hoped that in course of time he might remember them. He was getting to be an old man, and his death could not be many years away, but of his intentions regarding the disposal of his property they could know nothing.

Uncle Dies Leaving No Will.

Two weeks ago the end came. Their uncle had left no will, and his estate, valued at $500,000, was to go to ten sisters and brothers or their heirs. The daughters of Peter Crocker, dead almost half a century, were to receive $50,000 as their share.

For many years the Misses Crocker have made their home with the brother of their mother, W. F. Bennett, at 3642 Vincennes avenue. It was there they read the dispatch yesterday that told them no will had been left by their uncle and they were to receive their full share of the estate.

"Yes," said Miss Ella Crocker, "our uncle has dealt justly by us in leaving no will. We deeply appreciate his course, which will give us a competence for the rest of our lives. If our uncle ever came East after going to California we did not see him. We have never had a word directly from him, but correspondence was kept up with an aunt who went to California some time ago. We knew from her that he was getting feeble. The news of our good fortune is certainly most grateful on a Christmas day."

It was for this reason that Christmas was a glad day in the modestly furnished home in Vincennes avenue. Two women past middle life, who had supported themselves from childhood, could look forward to an old age of plenty. To them it was opulence.

Glad, but Regret Publicity.

With all their gladness, they regretted any publicity of the fact that a small fortune had come to them.

"Of course," one said, "we know that all the world is glad when good luck comes to a person, and it may be interested in that person, but I dislike the publicity."

In this remark was seen the great love towards all the world felt in one Chicago home on Christmas day.

ALDERMAN CARROLL TO APPEAL

Will Ask Supreme Court Today to Enjoin Evanston Council from Unseating Him.

Alderman James Carroll of the Fifth Ward, Evanston, yesterday announced that his attorney today would petition the Supreme Court for an injunction restraining the Evanston City Council from deposing him from his seat in that body. Last Wednesday the Appellate Court dissolved the injunction which Carroll had obtained in the lower court, and he declares he will not stop in his fight for his place until the last step has been taken. Alderman Carroll is charged with using liquor in making his last political canvass, and the other members of the Council made an effort to have him unseated.

CHEMISTS ARRIVING IN CITY.

Come to Attend the National Convention of Their Society, Which Meets Tomorrow.

Chemists already are arriving in Chicago for the convention of the American Chemical society, which begins tomorrow. Mayor Harrison will make the address of welcome. The opening address will be by Dr. Rufus Smith, President of the Chicago section of the society, and Professor William McIntyre, the National President, will respond. The meeting place is the auditorium of the Lewis Institute.

Week of Prayer for Evanston Women.

Beginning with Jan. 7 the women of several of the Evanston churches will observe the week as a week of prayer. Meetings will be held in the First Congregational Church, Grove street and Hinman avenue, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of each week day, except on Saturday.

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W. IRVINE SHAW KILLS HIMSELF.

Man Recently Appointed Consul General to Singapore Commits Suicide at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 25.—W. Irvine Shaw, who had been filling the position of United States Consul at Barranquilla, Colombia, and who was recently appointed Consul General to Singapore, committed suicide in a hotel here today. He opened a femoral artery and slashed his throat and wrists with a knife. Ill health is supposed to have affected his mind.

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BELATED LINERS COME TO PIERS.

La Normandi and State of Nebraska Arrive After Rough Voyages.

MEET FOGS AND STORMS.

Fire Causes Panic in Bowery Music Hall During Performance.

GENERAL NEW YORK NEWS.

NEW YORK BUREAU CHICAGO TRIBUNE, New York, Dec. 25.

Belated Liners Arrive After Rough Voyages.

Two belated liners reached this port on Monday night after much battling with the seas and came up to their pie today just in time to enable many of heir passengers to eat their Christmas dinners at home. One was La Normandi two days late. The passengers had had all they wanted of wind and fog and sea, but not as much as the 110 passengers of the State of Nebraska, which is usually an eleven day boat from Glasgow, but which this time spent nineteen days in making the trip. Chief Oicer Peter came out in command of the State of Nebraska. He was taking a rest tday, and Mr. Starret, the purser, did the talking.

The bad weather began when the vssel was four days out of Glasgow. For tve days the ship made less than ninety knts a day and on the ninth day out only fifty knots. The seas had been steadily increasing in size. An accident happened to the engines on Dec. 11 which after three hours' work was repaired. The next day a sea came aoard that stove the two port lifeboats and that the railing on the bridge. William Thmpson, a fireman, was caught and thwn against the rail, breaking two of his bs. Two more breakdowns happened to thengines after this, due to overheated journals and a bad steam pipe. They were repaired without much trouble, however. On De. 18 the gales abated.

The French liner had bad weather fro Havre to the Banks and off Nantucket en countered a fog, which continued almost t Sandy Hook. Among the passengers on La Normandie were five French gendarmes in command of a Sublieutenant from Lyons. They are now on their way to the Island of Tahiti, a French possession in the Pacific, where they will do police work. The gendarmes were in full uniform. Three burly New York coppers detailed for duty on the pier recognized the uniform of the gendarmes and shook hands. They did not talk French and the Frenchmen did not talk English. The New York policemen were not at all abashed by that fact, however. They pointed to their clubs and helmets and then grinned at the Frenchmen, who looked rather as though they expected arrest. After a time they understood and had a pantomimic conversation with those who had welcomed them.

Fire Causes Panic in Music Hall.

A fire in the basement of the Manhattan Music Hall at 104 Bowery, which was formerly the old National Theater, caused a wild scramble for the street on the part of several hundred persons who were watching the performance at 10 o'clock tonight. Isidor Katz, the assistant bartender, seeing smoke coming from the basement, sent in the alarm. Then somebody cried "Fire!" and men and women, who were sitting around tables drinking and looking at the variety show, overturned the tables and chairs in their haste to get out.

The smoke filled the hall and drove the women who were waiting for their turns into hysterics. Frank Cassidy was doing a bag-punching act when the alarm was given. He kept punching away in a vain attempt to keep the spectators in their seats, but interest in him was gone.

Detectives Goggin and Sweeney dragged a number of the performers out through the windows. Roundsman Culbert was overcome by the smoke while carrying out two women. He was taken out by the firemen.

Mrs. Mabel B. Fleck, the wife of Alderman Fleck, who runs the music hall, was entertaining some friends as a Christmas party in the rooms above the hall. When the firemen got there Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Bertha Lloyd, and a Mrs. Keeley were standing at the window. The firemen carried Mrs. Fleck's friends down. Captain Howe started to take Mrs. Fleck down. She insisted her two dogs should be taken down first, so Captain Howe put a dog under each arm, carried them to the street, and then helped Mrs. Fleck down.

Denies John Fox Jr. Has Disappeared.

Inquiry as to the reported disappearance of John Fox Jr., son of former Senator John Fox, President of the Democratic club, brought today from Mrs. Jane T. Levien, the young man's mother-in-law, an emphatic denial that he was missing.

"My son-in-law has not disappeared," she said. "There is no mystery surrounding his whereabouts, and, furthermore, my daughter has been in constant communication with him ever since she left him in Europe."

The report of the disappearance of young Fox was the outcome of an application to Justice Blanchard for a dissolution of the partnership of Fox & Engel, iron and metal brokers, of which the young man was senior partner.

Although Mrs. Levien said there was no mystery the young man's father said he did not know exactly where his son was. He declared he had no fears as to his mental or physical condition. He said:

"The truth is, I believe he and his wife have had some disagreement and that she has never told the whole story. I have not been able to get from John's wife anything that satisfies me as to what really became of him, but I am satisfied they have quarreled and that John is safe."

Buchanan Winthrop Dies After an Operation.

Buchanan Winthrop, a lawyer who was known widely as Treasurer of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, died at his home, 279 Fifth avenue, this afternoon as the result of an operation for appendicitis which he underwent yesterday. Mr. Winthrop was supposed to be in good health until attacked by the ailment to which he succumbed. Buchanan Winthrop was the head of the Winthrop family in this city, he being the eldest son of the elder line in direct descent from John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts in the year 1629.

Helen Gould's Wards Enjoy Christmas.

Christmas brought its usual joys to the crippled children who are inmates of Woodycrest, the home supported by Miss Helen M. Gould at Tarrytown. The children hung up their stockings last night, and this morning when they arose they found that Santa Claus had not forgotten them, for their stockings were crammed full of toys, candies, fruits, and other articles that please children. The morning was taken up with examining the working of the toys.

At noon a big turkey dinner was provided and the tots stuffed themselves. In the evening the Christmas exercises were held and a real, live Santa Claus appeared. Miss Dagger, the matron, had schooled the children well, and each spoke his recitation without fault. Miss Gould, although busy in New York, found time to come to Tarrytown and spend a few hours with the children.

John D. Crimmins, attired in a large white apron, played Santa Claus today to 113 old men and 157 old women, inmates of the Home for the Aged, in East Seventieth street, near Third avenue. His big aprn rapidly losing its spotless appearance, Mr. Crimmins raced among the tables bearing soup, turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and Charlotte russe to the hungry old folk.

Assisting Mr. Crimmins were his four daughters, the Misses Mary, Constance, Mercedes, and Evelyn Crimmins, and his three sons.

Father and Son Burned at Christmas Tree.

To amuse his four children, James Sata of 3750 Third avenue tonight played Santa Claus. While still dressed as Santa Claus, to save the children's lives, he risked his own, receiving probably fatal injuries. Mr. Sata's Christmas tree was not only for his own children but for their little friends as well.

Frank Sata, clapping his hands in his enthusiasm, brushed a lighted candle from the tree. The trimmings of the tree caught fire. The boy, frightened for the safet of his presents, rushed into the blaze an began beating it with his hands. His clothes caught fire and he ran about the room panic-ticken.

Mr. Sata ran to save his boy. He big robe with which he had wrapped himself was used to smother the flames. In the meantime the tree, blazing higher an higher, had fallen directly across the doorway, penning in the frightened children. Forgetting his own safety, Sata seized the burning tree and pulled it through the doorway. He carried it blazing down the hall, the flames leaping up to his face and igniting his garments as he went, but he did not stop until he had carried it out to the street.

Behind him came the frightened children, all except little Frank, who lay unconscious where he had fallen when his father had extinguished the fire in his clothing. The father started back into the house, but reeled and fell. The flesh about his arms and chest was cooked, and the hair had been burned from his head. The father and son, both unconscious, were taken to the Fordham Hospital. There is little hope for the father's recovery. The son may live.

Mysterious Society at Columbia College.

Knowledge has just come to the faculty of Columbia University of the existence of a mysterious secret student society, known as "The Black Ring." The exact nature of the organization cannot be determined, but it is known that it has existed for some time, and it is intimated that membership can only be acquired by the candidate who incurs the displeasure of the faculty or perpetrates what is known at Columbia as some "fool stunt."

Several of the members are known, but the large majority are not, and the elements in the known membership comprise representatives of both the athletic and social castes. Notices of meetings are given by symbols only, and no announcement of the organization has ever been posted on the college campus, as is the custom with other society notices.

Prisoner Writes Romance in Jail.

Edgar Channing Burns, now being tried for the murder of Herbert B. Fellowes, station agent at Scarsdale, is one of the most remarkable prisoners ever incarcerated in the White Plains jail. He smokes cigarets incessantly, rolling them himself, and during the last two weeks he has been engaged upon a short story, or romance, of love and adventure called "Mercedes," which he has disposed of through an agent to the newspapers.

Burns's cell in the White Plains jail is filled with pictures cut from illustrated newspapers, novels, and clippings about his case. When he was visited yesterday forty-two carefully rolled cigarets were placed on a shelf ready for smoking, and the floor of the cell was strewn with partly smoked cigarets.

Burns talks almost constantly of acquittal. At times he alleges that he is visited in his cell by visions of the old friend he is charged with killing and his relatives.

While a large Christmas audience at the Germania Theater was enjoying the performance tonight two infuriated men armed with heavy steel bars fought a desperate duel behind the scenes. Frank Meich, one of the combatants, an employé of the theater, will probably die as a result of a dozen terrible wounds. James Johnson, the other principal, a stage carpenter, is a prisoner in the Mercer Street Station. There has been bad blood between Meich and Johnson for several weeks.

Devery's Actions Indicate He Will Resign.

Chief of Police William S. Devery had a three-hour housecleaning in his private office at police headquarters this afternoon. He took elaborate precautions against interruption of any kind. None of his staff except a single messenger, who was kept out in the main hall, was around.

What brought the Chief down to the deserted building on Christmas day, and what he did during the three hours he spent locked up in the private room were mysteries that remained unsolved, but he is supposed to have been cleaning up his desk preparatory to quitting. The only person admitted to the Chief's private room was Captain George Titus, the new head of the detective bureau. Titus spent an hour and a quarter with the Chief.

There were few of the headquarters attachés about the building and they regarded the Chief's conduct as a clear indication of his purpose to resign within a few days. These men declared the Chief would be out of office before the end of the week.

Ludwig Breitner, the pianist, who has recently established himself permanently in this city, is seriously ill. He has a severe attack of nervous prostration and his physician has forbidden him to play in public for a month or more.

The trial of Cornelius Alvord Jr., defaulting cashier of the First National Bank of this city, is set for tomorrow in the United States District Court. The amount of his defalcation was $650,000.

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ALFRED HARMSWORTH ON MODERN NEWSPAPERS

Proprietor of London Mail Discusses the Tendency of Journalism, and Prophesies Some Startling Changes in the Coming Century.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, who is a passenger on the Teutonic, due in New York tomorrow, has contributed to the January number of the North American Review an article of striking interest on the newspapers of the twentieth century. Mr. Harmsworth expresses the opinion that in spite of all the progress that has been made in the development of the newspaper hitherto, we are still merely at the fringe of journalistic development. Some of the improvements he regards as not unmixed blessings. Of newspaper illustrations he says:

"I venture to think that twenty years hence, if illustrations are then as frequent a feature of purely news journals—which I greatly doubt—the present-day newspaper picture will seem to our sons as great a curiosity as does to us a copy of the London Morning Post or the New York Advertiser of a hundred years ago. An occasional newspaper illustration, if it can be properly produced, is no doubt a good thing, and is appreciated as helpful by the readers, but many of the present-day illustrations are quite unnecessary and are merely given as a matter of habit, or because rival journals use them, or even for the less urgent reasons that there is a certain amount of space to be decorated and artists or photographers are being kept occupied.

"The political cartoons and fashion plates are often excellent; but, when portraits are attempted, the result is usually unrecognizable, if not absolutely grotesque. Even when half-tone engravings are employed, the present imperfections of the printing press often reduce them to mere smudges. No daily journal which relies principally upon its illustrations has been, in any real sense, an overwhelming success. Even the genius and untiring labor of the late Mr. Thomas could not raise the Daily Graphic of London to such a high-water mark of success as its weekly namesake."

Mr. Harmsworth takes exception to the shape of the ordinary newspaper. "With the newspapers of the whole civilized world before me each week," he says, "I look in vain for any great and impressive stroke of originality or daring. We still cling to the clumsy and awkward shape in which our newspapers are issued, and the man who has attempted to manipulate one of them on a windy day will best appreciate the force of my remarks. Why should this relic of the days of the old and slow flat printing press still inconvenience us daily? By the use of improved machinery it would be possible to issue the newspaper of the future in what is obviously its proper form—a small, portable, and neatly indexed publication of the size of a page of the North American Review, and of the bulk and appearance of the New York Outlook. Something of this kind has been done in Germany, and one proposal to issue a daily journal in handy form was made in England, but fell through."

He contrasts the journals of different countries in the following terms: "To the Englishman who goes to America for the first time some of the newspapers seem to be outrages on the public taste, and all of them to be arranged on a principle difficult for him to grasp at the outset. But after a short acquaintance he is able to find his way about the American newspaper without much trouble and he begins to feel at home in it. Sooner or later the fact dawns upon him that it is practically the same as his newspaper at home, the differences lying mainly in its unwieldly bulk, 'scare headlines,' and a greater directness of style.

"When the American comes to England the British journal sits as heavily upon him as does the British climate. I have often watched his twisting and turning one of these great, big, dull puzzles of ours, yearning for the little home news that he may or may not find buried there, and thoroughly disgusted with what he considers the lack of arrangement and even of news itself. But, as in the case of the Englishman, he soon discovers that the news is there much as in his own familiar journal. The chief difference lies in the fact that it does not stand prominently out on the page and strike his eye at a first glance."

Mr. Harmsworth does not think that the power of the press is what it was. This is especially true in England, where the editorial, or leader, which was formerly read and quoted by all men of intelligence, is now scarcely glanced at. The great cry is for news. But even in connection with the dissemination of news the press, in Mr. Harmsworth's judgment, has lost reputation. He says:

"Lately there has begun a kind of interneciné warfare between the various organs of the press, by which they largely injure their own positions and that of their opponents. An item of news published in one paper is immediately discredited in another, and the public, naturally enough, comes to the opinion that newspapers are usually inaccurate, and too often dismiss a perfectly correct statement as mere 'newspaper talk.' It is highly probable that the craze for collecting more news if possible than one's contemporary has something to do with this. I may be pardoned for saying that the newspapers of America seem to me to devote far too much space to news items altogether trivial and unworthy of publication."

Turning to the German press, one finds that, although as a rle accurate and in some cases issued in a far more handy form than the familiar 'blanket sheet' with which most of us wrestle at our breakfast tables, it is as a whole stupendously heavy. In the words of Mr. Charles A. Dana, no mean critic: 'The are few first rate papers in Germany, not one anywhere which is to be compared to the American newspaper in the variety of news it furnishes, in the amount of resources that are applied to it, or generally in the ability with which it is conducted. The German newspapers are like the German learned men—exceedingly learned, but not always in contact with the living sentiment of the people. They pursue their own theories, remote from th people, and do not feel their pulse and know their thoughts and understand their part at all times."

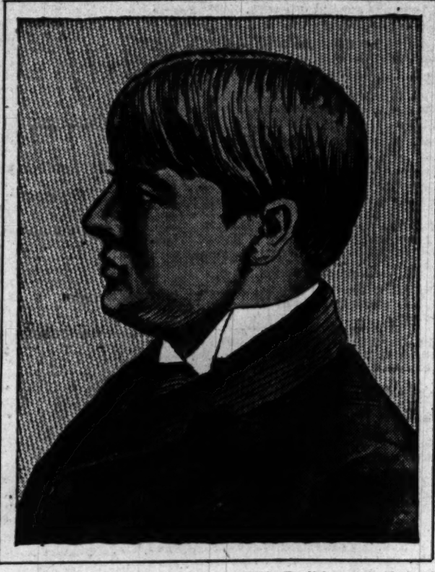
"Among the newspapers that, in my opinion, are now making realprogress, setting aside their entire lack of commercial morality are some of the French journals. They have always been noted fo their high literary excellence. The anonymous editorial has never been a particularly strong feature of the French newspapes. On the other hand, pure literature, in the shape of fiction or criticism, has been one of its chief characteristics. Nearly every French man of letters since the revolution—and to some extent before—has been a regular or occasional writer for the press. Only to mention among noted French journalists such men a Marat, Mirabeau, Brissot, Camille Desmoulins, Sainte-Beuve, and in more recent days, Thiers, Lemaitre, Sandeau, Zola, and M. Bunetiere, to call to the reader's mind the names of many other that might be enumerated. The French papers are now adding o their preëminent literary excellence good news service. For example, Le Matin is in many ways a better written newspaper than is issued either in the United States or in Great Britain. In addition to its own news, it gives practically the whole news service of the London Times."

Mr. Harmsworth pays a high tribute to the press of the United States, as king in one respect far in advance of the press of his own county. But special interest of his article lies in his prediction as to what the great newspaper of the twentieth century is likelyto be. He detects in certain tendencies, which are seen today, the force which will direct the future growth and shape of newspaper enterprise. He says:

"We are entering the century of combination and centralization. For good or for ill, the day of the small trader is past, and that of the great emporium has come. The tendency is for large corporations to osorb the individual. I do not say that this is the best possibl state of things; I only refer to it as a fact to be dealt with. I feel certain that the newspaper of the twentieth century will be drawn into the vortex of combination and centralization. In fact, given the man, the capital, the organization, and the occasion, there seems to be no reason why one or two newspapers my not presently dominate great sections of the United States, or most the whole of Great Britain. In other words, where there are now a multitude of papers, good, bad, and indifferent, there will be then one or two great journals."

Here is Mr. Harmsworth's conception of the great newspaper of the coming years:

"My idea of the newspaper of the twentieth century may be thus expressed in brief: Let us suppose that one of the great American newspapers, under the control of a man of the journalistic ability of Delane, the greatest of the former editors of the London Times, certainly the greatest political editor in the history of journalism, backed by an organization as perfect as that of the Standard Oil company, has issued simultaneously each morning in, say, New York, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburg, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and other points in America; or in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, Edinburg, Belfast, and Newcastle in Great Britain. It is obvious that the power of such a paper might become such as we have not yet seen in the history of the press; and would not such a journal effectually revive the wning influence of the newspaper upon the life and thought of the ation? The thing is not as improbable as it sounds. The whole tendency of the times, both in America and Great Britain, is toward he concentration of great affairs in the hands of a few. I may prhaps say without offense that the power of the British Parliament is now practically concentrated in the hands of one family, the Cecils, of whom the Marquis of Salisbury is the distinguished head. They and one or two allies form an inner ring which dominates the Cabinet, which in its turn rules Parliament."



Alfred Harmsworth is the owner of thirty English periodicals in addition to the London Daily Mail. Two months ago it was said he was negotiating for the London Times. He began as office boy on Tid-Bits twenty years ago, with a salary of ten shillings per week. In two years he became the editor of a weekly run in conjunction with the Illustrated London News. In seven years he had saved $7,000, and with that sum started his first weekly, Answers. He was joined by his brothers; and one by one he has added to his publications until their combined circulation has reached the total of 15,000,000 copies a week. Among them is Harmsworth Magazine, which alone has a circulation of 1,000,000. His great success is due to the introduction of American methods into his publications. Mr. Harmsworth is the son of a lawyer. He is 34 years old, and in twenty years has made $20,000,000 out of his publications.

The methods by which journals would be established, he says, would be precisely those that are employed in the formation of the ordinary trust.

"But how," he continues, "could such a multiple newspaper come into existence? Obviously, it would have to be initiated by some man, or group of men, holding practically unlimited capital and possessing intimate knowledge of everything appertaining to the journalism of their country. Such a group might easily be formed of the directors of three or four leading papers of New York or London, forced to an unwilling friendship by the desire to escape competition. By combining their forces they would be in a position to command the situation. In my opinion their first steps would buy the best brains, newspapers, and machinery, to construct private telegraph wires and cables, or, where existing monopolies for the time prevented that course, to purchase the exclusive or preferential use of the wires. That this can be done is within the knowledge of every newspaper man. The immediate result would be that the journals owned by this combination would secure such capital, such a news service, and other advantages that their rivals would be seriously incommoded. The power to undersell would drive many newspapers into the combination, and little by little rival newspapers would be so weakened that, where they did not die a natural death, their purchase or absorption would be a comparatively easy and inexpensive step. The less important ones would be allowed to drop out of existence, but the others would continue to appear in their old form, but containing much identical news matter, and, of course, under the control of the combination.

"The possibilities of such development would be practically without limit. Possessing its own cables, wires, dispatch boats, and special trains, the simultaneous newspaper concern would soon have its own paper mills, printing ink factories, machinery shops, and the like; this is already partly true of the London Times and other leading journals. It would probably take the control of all railway and street newstands, and by persistent and overwhelming pressure would compel all news agents to accept the position of agents of the combine. All this would involve simultaneous publication in the great centers of populations. Distribution over a wide area by means of special newspaper trains has its obvious limitations. It is practicable in England, but would be out of the question in the presence of the much greater distances of America. It is of vital importance that the journal should be on sale early and punctually. Distribution by railways is always subject to the contingencies of accident or delays on the line.

"The case would be met by the existence of an adequate number of editorial and publishing offices, so distributed among the great centers of population as to be in close touch with all parts of the country and all connected directly by special telegraph and telephone wires with the central office, which would be a great newspaper distributing agency, as well as the seat of control.

"My own experience and that of others shows that there is no practical difficulty in the way of telegraphing the entire contents of the paper to a distant branch office, where it is set up in exact fac-simile of the London issue, with the addition of local news, and published simultaneously. It would, of course, be essential to pay adequate attention to the local news. This would involve, as with my own paper, the existence of a local news editor, with his assistants, and a staff of reporters in each center.

"The simultaneous newspaper would represent a standard of excellence which has never before been attained, and with its vast resources it would be able to carry out on an unprecedented scale enterprises outside of the strict newspaper field. Such a national newspaper would have unrivaled powers of organization in all directions. It is no uncommon thing already for a great journal to equip a scientific expedition, to raise a war fund, or to carry through some great charitable enterprise. The admirable work done in this way by many of the leading American newspapers is too familiar to need further description here. Similar work has been done from time to time in Great Britain. The simultaneous newspaper would possess powers of this kind, which we can hardly attempt, and, under the direction of men whose inclinations turned that way, would possibly become the center of a vast network of societies, organizations, and institutions."

Mr. Harmsworth is strongly of the opinion that the newspaper should not be partisan in a political sense, but, like the London Times, should endeavor to represent the will of the people. The simultaneous newspaper of the trust would be in a position to follow out the best policy in this regard. Mr. Harmsworth says:

"I think that one of the good influences of a great newspaper monopoly would be seen in its tendency to minimize present differences and to bring about unity of thought and action. Much of the party feeling of the present day, on both sides of the Atlantic, is fed and fostered by certain inflammatory newspapers that depend upon political agitation for their circulation. This consideration would not affect the simultaneous journal, which would be free to advocate the best interests of the country, and could do so with an influence far wider in its scope than has hitherto been possible."

The future of the press Mr. Harmsworth looks forward to with the utmost confidence. He says:

"I am profoundly hopeful of the future. I am convinced that the press has its best days to come. Already it is in touch with the people to an extent never attained before. Already its influence has has spread into the secret council chamber as well as into the laborer's cottage. Already it is leaving behind what is effete and antiquated and is keeping step with the march of a progressive age. Already it is casting off the domination of party and the serfdom of tradition, and has set its face steadfastly toward the light. And to this advance—a happy forecast of even better things to come—the enterprising and enlightened press of America has contributed in no mean measure."

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Direct mails for Great Britain, Ireland, France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark will close tomorrow at 12 p. m., via S. S. Campania.

WEST INDIES—For Cuba, daily at 2 a. m. and 1 and 6:15 p. m.

For Porto Rico, daily, via New York, at 2, 8, and 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

For Jamaica, via New York, final close today at 12 p. m.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA — For southern Pacific ports, via Colon, final close at 4:30 p. m. Sunday.

For British Honduras, Guatemala, and Republic of Honduras, via New Orleans, final close Tuesday at 10 a. m.

For Costa Rica, via New Orleans, final close today at 4:30 p. m.

For Yucatan, via Progreso, final close at 12 p. m. today.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS—For Philippines, Japan, China, and Corea, via Vancouver, B. C.; daily at 2 a. m. and 9 p. m.; final close tomorrow at 9 p. m.

For Hawaii, Australia, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, and New Caledonia, via San Francisco, final close Dec. 29 at 9 p. m.

CHARLES U. GORDON, Postmaster.

OFFICIAL WEATHER FORECAST.

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF WEATHER BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday:

For Illinois—Fair Wednesday, warmer in northern portion. Thursday fair, variable winds.

For Chicago—Fair Wednesday except snow in extreme northwest portion, Thursday fair, fresh westerly winds.

For Indiana—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, fresh west to north winds, becoming variable.

For Lower Michigan—Cloudy Wednesday, snow in northern and western portions, Thursday fair, variable winds.

Place of observation. Time taken: Dec. 25, 8 p. m.	Height of Barometer.	Thermometer. Max. temp.	Min. temp.	Direction of wind.	Precipitation in 24 hours.	State of weather.
Abilene	30.12	50	66	N.W.	....	Clear
Albany	29.84	34	46	N.W.	Tr.	Snow
Alpena	29.88	20	26	N.W.	.01	Snow
Atlanta	30.16	44	50	W.	....	Clear
Amarillo	30.22	30	50	N.E.	....	Clear
Bismarck	30.06	24	34	N.W.	....	Clear
Buffalo	29.88	26	32	W.	.08	Snow
Boston	29.78	34	46	S.W.	....	Clo'dy
Cairo	30.10	38	46	S.	Tr.	Clear
Calgary	29.76	30	52	Calm	....	Clo'dy
Charlotte	30.14	44	50	S.W.	....	Clear
Cheyenne	30.24	30	54	S.W.	....	Clo'dy
Chicago	30.08	17	17	W.	Tr.	Snow
Cincinnati	30.12	28	36	W.	.01	Clo'dy
Cleveland	30.02	20	30	S.W.	.01	Snow
Davenport	30.10	16	18	N.W.	Tr.	Clear
Denver	30.16	34	52	W.	....	Fair
Des Moines	30.14	20	22	N.	....	Fair
Detroit	29.98	22	34	S.W.	.02	Snow
Dodge	30.14	22	24	N.	....	Clear
Dubuque	30.10	16	16	W.	Tr.	Clo'dy
Duluth	30.08	16	16	N.W.	Tr.	Snow
El Paso	30.12	38	50	W.	....	Clear
Edmonton	29.82	24	36	Calm	....	Fair
Galveston	30.12	60	64	S.E.	....	Clear
Grand Haven	30.04	24	34	S.W.	.04	Snow
Green Bay	30.02	20	24	S.W.	.04	Clo'dy
Havre	29.90	36	36	S.W.	....	Clo'dy
Helena	29.92	34	46	S.W.	....	Fair
Huron	30.06	26	28	S.W.	.04	Clo'dy
Indianapolis	30.10	22	32	S.W.	Tr.	Clo'dy
Jacksonville	30.20	50	60	W.	....	Clear
Kansas City	30.08	34	38	N.W.	....	Clo'dy
Lander	30.18	22	40	S.W.	....	Clo'dy
Little Rock	30.06	34	42	S.	....	Clear
Marquette	30.02	22	22	N.	.14	Fair
Memphis	30.10	48	52	S.E.	....	Clear
Medicine Hat	30.04	28	38	S.	....	Clo'dy
Milwaukee	30.02	20	20	W.	Tr.	Fair
Minnedosa	29.82	24	34	W.	.02	Clo'dy
Montgomery	30.16	54	58	N.W.	....	Clear
Montreal	29.70	30	34	W.	....	Clo'dy
Nashville	30.14	40	46	S.W.	....	Clear
New Orleans	30.16	54	62	W.	....	Clear
New York City	29.88	40	44	W.	....	Clear
Norfolk	30.02	50	54	S.W.	....	Clear
North Platte	30.12	30	34	N.	....	Clear
Oklahoma	30.14	46	54	N.	....	Clear
Omaha	30.06	26	28	W.	.02	Snow
Oswego	30.00	28	32	W.	.01	Clo'dy
Palestine	30.12	58	64	S.W.	.01	Clear
Parkersburg	30.10	30	36	W.	.01	Clo'dy
Philadelphia	30.00	34	42	W.	Tr.	Clear
Pittsburg	30.00	28	38	N.W.	.06	Snow
Pueblo	30.22	38	42	S.E.	....	Fair
Qu' Appelle	30.10	22	32	W.	.04	Snow
Rapid City	30.02	36	42	W.	....	Clear
St. Louis	30.08	36	36	Calm	....	Clo'dy
St. Paul	30.10	12	16	N.W.	Tr.	Clo'dy
Salt Lake City	30.24	42	48	W.	....	Clear
Ste. Marie	29.92	12	22	N.	.04	Clear
Springfield, Ill.	30.08	30	32	N.W.	Tr.	Clear
Springfield, Mo.	30.06	42	46	W.	....	Clear
Vicksburg	30.12	56	62	W.	....	Clear
Washington	30.16	40	50	N.W.	....	Clear
White River	30.16	-6	6	Calm	.16	Clear
Williston	29.96	28	30	W.	.02	Clear
Winnipeg	29.94	12	12	E.	Tr.	Snow

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OFFICIAL DEATH RECORD.

THE FOLLOWING BURIAL PERMITS WERE issued yesterday by the Health department:

Ammidon, Hanna J. P., 4; 244 W. Erie-st., Dec. 24.
Brown, Botha, 29; 126 Cleveland-av., Dec. 23.
Biedemann, Rosie, 23; 1529 W. Taylor-st., Dec. 23.
Brown, Katherine, 32; 759 Elston-av., Dec. 23.
Cleary, William, 8, 4150 Princeton-av., Dec. 23.
Chabouka, Joseph, 27; 513 Marshfield-av., Dec. 24.
De Jarnatt, Harry W., 37; 1176 Howard-st., Dec. 23.
Doctorm, Rosie, 16; 166 W. 18th-st., Dec. 25.
Eaton, Annie, 36; 870 E. 43d-st., Dec. 24.
Eating, Jennie, 19; 2417 W. 69th-st., Dec. 22.
Goebel, Richard, 6; 1266 Lincoln-av., Dec. 24.
Grelowicz, Benjamin, 18; 147 W. Chicago-av., Dec. 24.
Goggin, William, 71; 877 Racine-av., Dec. 24.
Hanson, Hans, 45; 298 Chestnut-st., Dec. 24.
Kolaski, Felix, 10; 119 Cleaver-st., Dec. 24.
Knoesky, Rudolph, 1; 321 W. 54th-st., Dec. 25.
La Votine, Maria, 22; 1930 S. Clark-st., Dec. 24.
MacDonald, Camiea, 84; 1354 Humboldt-blvd., Dec. 23.
Nelson, Hans, 28; 402 42d-pl., Dec. 17.
Ohlin, Lars, 81; 816 N. Campbell-av., Dec. 24.
Pasco, Charles, 22; 87 First-st., Dec. 22.
Robb, George, 62; 430 W. Erie-st., Dec. 23.
Rosenberg, Clara, 64; 506 S. Jefferson-st., Dec. 24.
Timmerma, Clara E., 37; 48th and Caldwell-sts., Dec. 22.
Tracy, Patrick, 39; 283 W. Madison-st., Dec. 24.
Van Arsdale, May Francis, 32; 73 Humboldt-blvd., Dec. 23.

DEATHS.

BRAND—Major Edwin L. Brand, at residence, 1918 Michigan-av. Notice of funeral later.

BLETSCH—Augustine L. Bletsch, Dec. 19. Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 1:30 p. m., from the residence, 1517 Winslow-av., to Rosehill.

COHEN—David Cohen, beloved husband of Julia Cohen, née Degginger, in his 45th year. Funeral Thursday, 10 a. m., at 4445 Berkeley-av. Detroit papers please copy.

EBBERT—Dec. 25, 1900, Joseph Ebbert. Funeral from late residence, 4719 Calumet-av., Wednesday, 4:30 p. m., to Wis. Cent. depot, thence by cars to Wheeling, W. Va.

FERNBERG—Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1900, Babbet Fernberg, beloved mother of Eliza, Sarah, Sophia, Samuel, Emma, William, Edward, and Carrie. Funeral from late residence, 3628 Prairie-av., by carriages to Rosehill Cemetery, Thursday, 9 a. m. Please omit flowers.

HERKIMER—Lawrence, brother of Kate Herkimer, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Morley, and Mrs. T. Thompson. Funeral from late residence, 646 Fulton-st., Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10 a. m., by carriages to Forest Home Cemetery.

INGHAM—Elizabeth S., widow of Augustus P. Ingham, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Warren, 4141 Dakin-av. Funeral Thursday, Dec. 27, at 11 a. m. Burial at Lockport, Ill. Kankakee papers please copy.

KREIS—Elizabeth Kreis, aged 67 years, wife of John Kreis, mother of Gustavus and Adolph Kreis. Services at 115 Howard-av., Austin, Thursday, Dec. 27, 10 a. m. Interment at Graceland.

LIVINGSTON—Mason Livingston, son of the late Isaac and Hanna Livingston, Dec. 25, at the age of 38 years. Funeral from Temple B'nai Sholom, Indiana-av. and 26th-st., on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 1:30 p. m.

LYONS—Henry E. Lyons, aged 46, at his residence, 3044 Grand-blvd., Tuesday, Dec. 25. He was the husband of Emma Lyons and father of Lenz, Ellis, and Arthur Lyons. Funeral at residence Thursday, Dec. 27, at 12:30. Burial at Mount Maariv. Train leaves 2:15 Union Depot. Toronto and Montreal papers please copy.

LORCH—Celia Lorch, beloved wife of Joseph Lorch, daughter of Mrs. Simon Becker, sister of David, Ben, and Max Becker and Mrs. E. Bingus. Funeral Thursday, Dec. 27, at 1 p. m., from 1020 Seminary-av. Please omit flowers.

MARTEL—Tuesday, Dec. 25, Charles H. Martel, formerly of New York. Notice of funeral later.

NELLEY—The remains of George E. Nelley will arrive at Polk-st. depot Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 7:40 a. m. Funeral services at Holy Family Church at 9:30 a. m. Burial at Forest Home.

PETERS—Dec. 23, Agnes Peters, at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. F. McQuinn, 927 Asbury-av., Evanston. Funeral from the house Dec. 26 at 2 p. m. Interment at Rosehill. Springfield (Ill.) papers please copy.

PORTER—Belle Tracy Porter, at Denver, Colo., beloved daughter of Mrs. W. A. V. Porter. Funeral Thursday at 1 p. m. from her late home, 3029 Indiana-av.

PARKER—Louise W., aged 54, wife of J. Z. Parker, 5508 Monroe-av. Funeral Friday at late residence. Private.

POINIER—Mrs. Leora S. Poinier, mother of Mrs. M. W. Lawrence, Christmas day, 1900, aged 84 years. Davenport (Ia.) papers please copy.

RAGGIO—Agostina, Dec. 24, widow of Antonio Raggio, aged 77 years, beloved mother of Charles A., John G., David C., Joseph L. Raggio, Mrs. Mary Malatesta, and Mrs. Rosa Malatesta. Funeral Thursday, Dec. 27, 10 a. m., from residence, 2219 South Park-av., to Church of Assumption, thence by carriages to Calvary. No flowers.

RICHMAN—Lucetta L. Richman, on Sunday, Dec. 23. Funeral Monday at 10:30 at residence at 4327 Lake-av. Burial private. New York City papers please copy.

ROOT—Daniel E. Root, at his residence, 3544 Ellis-

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1900.

Music and Plants. The latest musical folly is that recently announced by Professor Hans Tietgen, a German musical savant. He has discovered plants that are sensitive to music. He says he has a plant that unfolds its leaves when some one begins playing, but closes them again if the music becomes dissonant. Some plants, he affirms, are stimulated by pleasant harmonies and a symphony will expedite the blossoming of a rose. It is to be hoped Professor Tietgen will follow up his investigations. If a single plant is amenable to the concord of sweet sounds a whole garden of plants should manifest the same peculiarity, provided there is music enough. A brass band might be usefully employed in expediting the products of a truck farm, while a mandolin orchestra could be relied upon to stimulate a flower garden much as it does a "rosebud garden of girls." Some discrimination should be used, however, in the music played. No one can imagine the havoc which might be created in a cabbage field or a celery farm if a Strauss tone poem were let loose in all its noisy dissonance.

Judge Dunne is of the opinion that the Drainage Trustees are bound by their contract to keep the Summit level of the canal full of water during the season of navigation at a cost of $100 a day. If the Supreme Court concurs in this view of the case relief can be had from the Legislature alone. Whether any can be obtained from that body is doubtful. The only sensible thing to do is to make a connection between the canal and the drainage channel at Lockport. Then the canal north of that point could be abandoned. It would be a great advantage for boats to be able to use the wide and deep channel instead of the narrow and shallow one. The Legislature, which has full power to provide for the maintenance of the canal, can either make an appropriation to cover the cost of pumping or to make the connection which has been spoken of. The constitution says that any enlargement or extension of the canal shall be paid for out of its surplus earnings. The Illinois and Michigan Canal has no surplus earnings, but its connection with the drainage channel will not be either an enlargement or an extension. The General Assembly can appropriate for the work if it chooses, but no doubt many of the members will be strongly of the opinion that Chicago ought to pay for everything. **District to Do the Pumping.**

Looking Into the Futurity. It is a great privilege at the close of the nineteenth century to stand at the dividing line and take a peep over into the first year of the twentieth century. The four great English astrologers, Old Moore, Raphael, Onion, and Zadkiel, have lifted the veil and given the world a look into the coming year. The peep would be more satisfactory, however, if these wiseacres had got together beforehand and come to some agreement. With the exception that all four announce a theater fire in Paris in May their predictions contradict each other in the most positive manner. For instance, for August Raphael foretells serious war and Old Moore peace and tranquillity. In December Old Moore predicts general good health and Zadkiel much sickness and a high rate of mortality in the metropolis, coupled with an outbreak of crime which will shock the community. Onion beats them all for December. He says London will be scourged by extensive and terrible fires, Britain's maritime supremacy will be overthrown, and two-thirds of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom will die of "a virulent sweating sickness." As these astrological gentlemen are the only ones who profess to look far into the future it would be more satisfactory if they did not make the future still more uncertain than it is by the disagreement of their forecasts. They should either be more accurate in their personal calculations or they should get together and devise some uniform system of stellar combinations.

FREE LIBRARIES IN WISCONSIN.

The growth of the free public library movement in the State of Wisconsin during the last five years has been most remarkable. In 1895 State Senator Stout, who had become interested in the plan of traveling libraries in the East, furnished funds to put sixteen such libraries on the road in his district. They met with so much approval and the demand for them proved so great in the rural districts that at present no less than 238 traveling libraries are now circulating in the State. As a further result of this work, a large number of towns and villages have awakened to the importance of having regular free circulating libraries. Five years ago the number of public libraries in the State which were worthy of the name numbered not more than fifteen or twenty. Today there are more than a hundred.

So great is the interest aroused by individual effort that the State government has now undertaken the active management of the work. A free library commission has been appointed, the members of which are such men as President Charles Kendall Adams of the State University, State Senator Stout, and State Superintendent of Schools Harvey. Under their direction laws have been passed, as a result of which township boards are allowed to make contracts with library boards allowing farmers and people living in small rural communities equal privileges with city residents in the use of books. Under the same influence wealthy citizens in half a dozen towns of the State have been led to make handsome donations towards the building and endowment of libraries, and a summer school for the training of librarians has been established, which has already furnished fifty-two librarians for various institutions throughout the State.

On the whole, the result in Wisconsin is sufficient illustration of the value of intelligent personal effort to encourage others to follow the example of the man who may rightly be called the father of the free library movement in the State. The result has been so satisfactory that it should awaken a spirit of emulation in Illinois.

"LET THE TARIFF ALONE."

Mr. Charles J. Harrah, the head of the Midvale Steel company, was before the Industrial commission last week as a witness. When he was asked as to tariff conditions his brief answer was, "Let the tariff alone." That is the answer which every head of a steel plant will make.

The conditions in the iron and steel industry are such that Congress cannot let the tariff alone unless it believes in the taxation of the American consumers of the the two metals by the manufacturers. Last month the quoted price of steel rails at Pittsburg was $26 a ton, while in Great Britain it was $32.80. Southern pig iron sold for $12 a ton and Scotch pig for $16. It would not pay an American consumer to buy the British product even if there were no duties to be reckoned with. There is, however, a duty of $7.84 a ton on steel rails and of $4 a ton on pig iron.

These are the duties which the American steel and iron men say should be let alone. Why should they be? They are not required for purposes of protection. The British manufacturers are the ones who stand in need of protection now. These duties furnish the government a trivial revenue. Only $20,300 was collected last year on imported iron and steel rails. So far as all good purposes are concerned these duties are obsolete.

They might be permitted to remain to record the fact that there once was a time when the iron and steel industries of this country needed protection, were it not that manufacturers make so bad a use of them. The confederated manufacturers are anxious the tariff should be let alone because excessive duties make it so much easier for them to maintain their present policy of a higher scale of prices in the home market and a lower scale in foreign markets—cheap steel for foreigners, dear steel for Americans.

The entreaties of these manufacturers to let the tariff alone should be as futile as were the entreaties of the seceding Southern States to "let us alone."

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Sir Robert Hart, director of the Chinese maritime customs, has written a letter to the Pekin correspondent of the Paris Temps pointing out how difficult it will be for China to comply with demands for an enormous indemnity. According to the terms of the joint demand of the powers China will be called upon to pay a money indemnity to all the governments, societies, companies, and individuals that suffered losses in the Boxer riots. Though no definite total is named, Sir Robert Hart estimates that when the multitudinous claims are presented they may easily amount to $250,000,000. He justly remarks that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to collect such an indemnity from China in its present crippled and disorganized condition.

All the revenue derived from the foreign commerce of China is already mortgaged and the imperial government has no money in its treasury. There would be no adequate national collateral of any kind to put up as security for any such sum as is contemplated. China still owes to European banks the total indemnity incurred through the Japanese war. The plan to mortgage the "likin" or local import duties is impracticable under existing conditions; besides, the likin is incompatible with the open door and should not be perpetuated.

For these reasons the Chinese government, in order to pay interest on a new loan, would be compelled to reduce its domestic expenditures, effect financial reforms, and impose new taxes. To do this would require a sweeping change in the whole financial system of the empire. How nearly impossible this would be may be seen from the one fact that thousands of minor officials are now receiving such pittances as salaries that they could not live without resorting to the illegal "squeezes" which eat up the revenues and which they are universally expected to resort to in collecting duties and taxes. Nothing short of complete foreign occupation could bring about a sudden reform in this ancient system. Sir Robert Hart therefore speaks wisely when he advises the powers not to be too harsh or exacting in the size or nature of the indemnity demanded. It is better to abate the demands than to endanger the integrity of China.

A BRITISH LABOR DELEGATE.

For five years the British Trade Union Congress and the American Federation of Labor have sent fraternal delegates to each other's respective annual meetings. Mr. Peter Curran, President of the Gas Workers' union of Great Britain and Mr. Weir of the Miners' federation of Great Britain were the British representatives at the recent meeting of the American Federation of Labor at Louisville. Mr. Curran is prolonging his stay in the country for the purpose of lecturing to working people, and he has been speaking several times recently in Chicago.

He is himself a type of the sturdy, outspoken, and trusted leaders for which the British trade union movement is happily noted. The organization of which he is President is the chief representative of the "new unionism" which has come into existence during this decade—the unionism which includes unskilled labor—and he is also a pronounced Socialist. Incidentally, therefore, he represents the radical wing of the British labor movement. He attributes his radicalism in no small degree to the experiences of his own life. He began work at the age of 9.

American working people, in his judgment, are "the greatest rushers in the world" and produce more "per head" than those of any other country. He considers the standard of life, as well as the wages, higher in this than in the mother country, but he believes the British workman is as well paid, according to what he produces, as is the American. It is to this greater production per head by American workmen that he attributes the displacement of British by American goods, which is taking place in foreign markets, and as this displacement continues he looks to see emigration from Great Britain to the colonies and to this country increase.

In comparing the British with the American labor movement in general he naturally regards the former as ahead in discipline and cohesiveness, and he notes especially the fact that in radical thought the leaders are in advance of the rank and file in the former case, while here the order is reversed.

This friendly exchange of labor delegates is one in which American trade unionism may gain in spirit and methods quite as much as it gives.

A JURY MUST BE UNANIMOUS.

Colorado has a provision in its constitution allowing a jury in a civil case to consist of less than twelve men. Under this provision the last Legislature enacted a law declaring that nine men on a jury of twelve would be sufficient to render a verdict. The Colorado Supreme Court has now declared this law to be unconstitutional and void, and it is probable that all cases decided by juries impaneled under this law will have to be retried at great expense to the State. The point made by the court is that a jury must be unanimous.

When the constitution placed no restriction on the power of the Legislature to provide for juries of less than twelve members it did not lay aside the old common law idea that demands unanimity in a jury's verdict. Thus, while the Colorado Legislature can constitutionally make nine men sufficient for a jury, it cannot authorize nine members in a jury of twelve to render a verdict. The Supreme Court's ruling is one which the lawyers in the Colorado Legislature should have foreseen. If they were not sufficiently versed on constitutional law to know that such an act would be void they should have got the court to rule upon it before putting in on the statute books.

The question in this case was entirely one of constitutional construction, but it will be generally agreed that the framers of the Colorado constitution acted wisely in leaving the common law principle of unanimity in full force. To abolish this would be much more radical than merely to say that a jury may consist of less than twelve men. The principle demanding a unanimous verdict is practically the soul of the jury system. It makes a verdict harder to reach, but it also forms an important bulwark against a hasty or unjust conviction. It is probably a good thing for the cause of justice in Colorado that the three-fourths jury law has been declared void.

IMPORTANCE OF THE ARMY BILL.

The Democratic leaders in the Senate are said to have agreed among themselves not to make any factious opposition to the army reorganization bill when it comes up for passage in January. This is a wise decision and will be approved by the people. By filibustering in the Senate the Democrats would have it in their power to delay the passage of the bill and, perhaps, force a special session. By that time an enormous amount of harm would have resulted in the Philippines if the volunteers now in the islands were brought home in time to be mustered out on July 1. Practically all the soldiers in the Philippines must be replaced with new regiments, and if an interim is allowed to elapse between the departure of the present garrisons and the arrival of the new ones there will be a reign of lawlessness and destruction.

The War department has decided that there shall be no such interim and that the volunteers cannot be brought back until Congress has made provision for their successors. This will guard against any immediate catastrophe, but it will not please the volunteers if they have to stay beyond their enlisted time. Yet, as Secretary Root has said, if the present garrisons were withdrawn it would be an act of faithlessness that would disgrace the United States. It would leave the new municipal officers, mostly Filipinos, at the mercy of the vindictive insurgents. All natives who have been friendly to the Americans would become special objects of vengeance. It is not strange that the Democratic Senators hesitate to assume the responsibility for such a base act of desertion.

There are many important features of the army reorganization bill as it now stands in the Senate, but the most urgent is the one providing for new men to replace the volunteer regiments which ought to leave the Philippines by the 1st of June. If the law is passed promptly when Congress reassembles it will still be possible to get the new regiments to Manila in time to muster out the volunteers by July 1. The sooner the bill is passed the more time there will be to drill the new recruits and make them fit to take up their task. The time is short at best and Congress should waste as little of it as possible.

TRUSTS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

The State department at Washington has issued an interesting pamphlet made up of consular reports regarding the existence of trusts in the various European countries. These reports show that the mania for trade combinations is by no means confined to America. The tendency to unite for the regulation of prices and to do away with competition is as universal as trade itself, and the most successful commercial nations are the ones in which the trust movement has gone farthest. England has just emerged from an era of combination scarcely less sweeping than that in the United States, while Germany has long looked upon its "cartels" and "syndicates" with philosophical favor. Germans ascribe their present success in foreign markets to the industrial centralization of the last fifteen years.

In continental Europe the trusts are nearly all of the more primitive sort, now abandoned in the United States. The business of the confederated firms is controlled by a board of trustees, which regulates prices and output, while the original companies retain their nominal independence. This is notably true in Austria and in Germany. In France trusts are forbidden by law, but secret agreements in many cases attain the same end. The absence of large trusts in that country is due more to the nature of French industries than to any law on the subject. French products consist largely of a multitude of small articles of artistic workmanship, whose value often lies in the trade mark of a certain family. Such articles are not easily brought under any broad monopolistic arrangement. In the smaller countries—Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Greece, Spain, and Italy—there are no trusts, because there are no industries great enough to dominate any markets, but the tendency to combine is present there as elsewhere.

Great Britain and Germany are the greatest trust centers in Europe. England and Scotland now have combinations dominating almost every commodity, the most noteworthy ones being in the cotton and iron industries. The movement in England is practically a duplicate of that in America. In Germany the situation is more interesting because it is quite different. The Germans have always looked upon concentration as rather desirable, and have merely regulated instead of trying to stop the movement. The result is that the situation in Germany is in some respects better than that in the United States.

An Consul General Mason of Berlin says in an excellent report, the absence of popular hostility to trusts in Germany is largely due to the absolute publicity of their financial affairs, to the fact that no influence or wealth can save a stock jobbing official from prison, and to the further fact that the people are convinced that trade combinations of some kind are a necessary incident of general progress. German combinations have not been altogether free from the evils of overcapitalization, and certain organizations, such as the beet sugar trust and the great Rhenish-Westphalian coal trust, have a dangerous amount of power. At the same time, fifteen years of trust expansion in Germany have increased the number of employés 48 per cent and have raised wages somewhat, though labor has not received its full share of the benefit.

Nowhere in Europe is there anything like the American hostility to trade combinations. It remains to be seen whether Europe or America will work out the better solution of the universal problem.

It was not a blue Christmas, anyway.

Dr. Pearsons' left hand is becoming indignant because some busybody is always trying to find out what the right hand has been doing.

If Pat Crowe had nothing to do with the Cudahy kidnaping will he please step up and say so?

It would be a cruel thing to gerrymander Alderman Johnnypowers into a new ward just now.

General Lee's explanation is entirely satisfactory. The flag will stay in Cuba only as long as may be necessary.

Felicitations to the teachers. Their Santa Claus came along just in time.

Banker Dreyer was able, financially and otherwise, to partake of a good Christmas dinner yesterday.

"The wood block pavement," says Mayor Harrison, "is dead." It may be found, however, that the wood block ring is still alive and able to kick.

When a politician has been repudiated by the people the decent thing for him to do is to subside.

Did it occur to anybody to wish a merry Christmas to the drug store clerk?

They have found the pony, it seems, that was used in the process of persuading Mr. Cudahy to pony up.

If Mr. Stead has any other views concerning the Nicaraguan Canal and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty he may as well uncork them now.

Perhaps the use of the mysterious and potent phonograph might awe the Sultan of Sulu into abolishing polygamy in his part of our common country.

PERSONALS.

Professor Samuel Hart of the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., has been elected President of the Connecticut Historical society, succeeding the late Dr. Charles J. Hoadly.

According to Herbert Putnam the libraries of the country are increasing more rapidly than are trained librarians. There are now about 8,000 libraries in the country, but only about 600 specially trained librarians.

Captain J. Elzear Bernier of Quebec has gained the support of Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical society, for his plan for a north pole expedition, and he hopes to enlist the British government in his support. Captain Bernier is an experienced arctic traveler.

Hugh Jennings, first baseman of the Brooklyn baseball team and Secretary of the Baseball Players' Protective association, has announced his intention of quitting the diamond to study law. He has laid by enough money to take him through a law school and to keep him until he establishes a practice in his profession.

Bishop Sheepshanks of Norwich, England, is telling a story against himself. He was walking one day through a quiet suburb of Norwich when his thoughts were disturbed by a piping, pleading voice saying, "O, please, sir, will you open this gate for me?" Looking down the Bishop saw a little girl of about 8 or 9, with a cherubic face framed in sunny curls, and he hastened to comply with her request. He held back the gate for the little maiden to pass through, and when she thanked him with a smile he asked if she were not big enough to open the garden gate herself. "O, yes, sir," she replied sweetly, "but the point is wet, you see, and I should have dirtied my hands."

NOT FROM THE COUNTRY.

"Paragraphers are perpetually poking fun at the women shoppers," remarked one of the wearied salesmen in the furnishing goods department of one of the big shops on Twenty-third street during a lull in the rush on Saturday evening, "but you now see it is not always the women and the salesgirls who are parties to the little comedies of the department stores." Which was apropos of this incident. A lady was buying for husband or son one of the elaborate silk dress suit protectors which they always deem appropriate for Christmas.

"What can I show you, sir?" asked the clerk of a man who stood waiting at the counter. The lady had made her purchase and was awaiting the return of the bundle and the change for a bill.

"I'm no countryman," surlily snapped the man addressed, "and I can wait until you finish serving the lady, and give her her change."

"As you will, sir," quietly replied the clerk, flushing considerably at the snappy reply of the customer. And he did wait, for the clerk took all the time that was due him.

"Now, what can I show you, sir?" he said to the man who was not from the country.

"Them dress-suit protectors; I reckon my boy would like one of them from his daddy for Christmas." Then leaning over he asked confidentially: "Do they wear them with any other kind of coats except a dress suit? I ain't quite sure if my boy has got a dress coat, though I reckon he has."

"They might be worn with other coats, I suppose, but it is not the custom here in the city," replied the wearied one. He smiled at the man who was not from the country.

Ascertaining their cost, after inspecting the protectors carefully, the countryman finally remarked: "Well, as I don't know whether my boy has a suit that he can wear one of them things with, and as it don't seem as if they would be the right thing with a sack coat, I reckon I'd best take a couple of neckties."

And the clerk remarked under his breath: "It's perfectly plain you are not from the country, you blooming jay!"—New York Times.

PREVENTIVE OF RHEUMATISM.

"I have found a little hand glass the best preventive of rheumatism I have ever tried," remarked the drummer as he sat at the Herald Square Hotel discussing his ills with a party of his fellows. "Of course I carry a horse chestnut in my pocket, and to make the thing doubly sure, carry an old potato that has been my companion until it is now about as hard as a chunk of coal. Damp sheets make rheumatism, is my theory. So when I strike a hotel I take my hand glass from my grip and place it between the sheets as soon as a room is assigned to me. If on removing it from between them I find the faintest trace of dampness on the glass I decide that the sheets won't do for me. Once in a while I find at some of the older of the hotels a warming pan that can be used to dry out the sheets, but outside of New England and some of the Southwestern States such a thing is rarely available. If that is the case I get a pair of warmed and dried sheets. When it is so late that this is not possible I have the sheets taken off and sleep between the woolen blankets. Since I adopted this plan I have suffered less from rheumatic pains than ever before in all my experience on the road."—New York Times.

In Spite of Deficiencies.

A few days ago President McKinley sent to the Senate for confirmation the names of seventy-two non-commissioned officers and privates to be Second Lieutenants. This is a pretty good illustration of the fact that young men have a chance to rise in the army, even though they have not enjoyed the proud privilege of being hazed at West Point.—Baltimore Herald.

Not Pernicious Activity, Either.

The individuals who have been lamenting because our ex-Presidents were such obscure and inactive persons will now have a fine chance to reconsider. Uncle Benjamin and Uncle Grover still manage, with voice and pen, to keep the dime light of publicity thrown upon them as if they had no relish to be back numbers.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

SIR EDWIN ARNOLD ON "BLACK BEETLES."

A remarkable piece of scientific distinction—it might indeed be said of scientific promotion—has lately befallen black beetles. Nobody, I am well aware, likes black beetles. Women, who fear the mouse, but do not dislike the graceful, subtle, gliding little animal, detest cockroaches and black beetles without being afraid of them. The proof is that all the ladies in a room will jump into chairs if a mouse runs across the floor, but will not want to kill it, as would be the case with the hated insect. Every kind-hearted woman feels pity for the little captive mouse when its bright eyes glitter sadly between the wires of its trap, and the sentence of death is pronounced with some regret on the tiny captive. But hardly the gentlest hearted of women entertain any compassion for black beetles. They do not hesitate for a moment to turn a hedgehog loose among them on the kitchen floor, or to set for them that insidious trap which engulfs them in a glass abyss, or to place in their path tempting but deadly poisons. The name of the creature stands for a mark of abjectness. Recall, for instance, that passage in Mr. Rudyard Kipling's brilliant sketches entitled "A Fleet in Being." He is speaking of the relations between the highest and the lowest officers in the British navy, and he airily says: "Of course, the Admiral of the fleet knows there are such beings as midshipmen, just as the Almighty knows that there are black beetles." Yet those gallant juniors of a glorious service—from whom, after all, the Captains and Admirals have to come—may discover rather an honor than a disparagement in Mr. Kipling's simile. For what has lately happened is this, as Mr. Herbert Goss tells us in his new volume entitled "The Geological Antiquity of Insects." There has been found in the Lias at more than one spot, amid the majestic remains of the great fossil reptiles and flying lizards, a cockroach, or the remains of one, which is the oldest insect known. This immensely venerable bug stands at the head of the whole insect world, and existed when there were few, if any, fishes, and no birds or mammals whatsoever. Man, in presence of this impressive relic of the past, is a mere parvenu, a thing of yesterday, a supplemental idea of nature, who sketched her cockroach and made an eternal type of it millions of years before she invented the genus "homo."

At a stroke this discovery places black beetles practically at the head of creation genealogically, and the wonder is that such as we see him today so did nature originally construct him. She, at least, was well satisfied from the first with her black beetles, who rise by this announcement of the geologists to a higher eminence than Darwin's notable little volume gave in one day to the worms. The great naturalist told an ungrateful world how that worms were the chief agriculturists of the earth; how that they, and they only, manufacture all the mold and loam in which we grow our crops; and how the planet would starve but for the toil, silent labors of these strange and lowly beings. And now science bids us learn that the despised black beetle stands in this superior place in the ancestral tree of life, and was adjudged so perfect in the beginning that not a single point has been modified. Such as we see him scouring the pantry floor for food, or scuttling up the larder wall, so did this marauder of the kitchen pursue his business in presence of the mighty prehistoric saurians before man had lighted his first kitchen fire, as fearlessly as he does today in our midst.

Black beetles were not without a certain classical and scientific dignity before this. It must be remembered, to their credit, that they had Aristotle himself for their godfather. It was that illustrious philosopher who gave to them and to their kindred insects the Greek name by which they go of "coleoptera," or sheath-wings. This accurately describes the peculiar arrangement for flying which characterizes almost the entire genus. The first beetle, unspeakably ancient, probably had naked wings. But finding that most of his daily business was done on foot, and that his delicate pinions of filmy membrane soon became damaged, he and Dame Nature between them hardened the outer pair into two chitinous covers styled "elytra," which admirably protect the inner wings. Having started her beetle in such good time, and having hit upon this excellent idea of giving to it comfortable command of earth and air, and also indeed of water, the divine mother appears to have positively reveled in multiplying the variations of her design.

It is bewildering to study the countless types of sheath-winged beetles. When they want to live under the bark of trees they flatten like wafers, when they are born to bore holes in trees or timber they take the shape of animated gimlets; when it is desirable for them to be globular, or oval, or circular, or stick-like, or to imitate a leaf, they take such forms. The little soft glow-worm, with her pale lamp burning under the foliage of the thicket, is a beetle, and so is the rounded tortoise-like ladybird with its scarlet shell spotted with black, and so, again, is the soldier bug, the cricket, the weevil, and the earwig. The school boy's favorite, the chafer, or maybug, is another example, and being created with a ring to his abdomen I grieve to mention that Aristophanes tells us in the "Clouds" the Greek boys, like the English, used to twirl him round and round on a string. They range in size from tiniest kinds to the huge goliath beetle, which is much bigger than many of the smaller mammals. There is one extraordinary species called "sciopetarius," which, on being pursued, actually stands fast and discharges at his enemy what seems by smoke and sound to be a little side gun, and others, as is the case with the ladybird itself, in moments of difficulty, have ways like the American skunk of rendering themselves offensive and untangible. Thus of two tiger beetles noted by Bates, on the Amazon, one, a dull-looking fellow, protected himself by being just of the color of the sand, while the other, gorgeous and attractive, was too nasty to be touched.

Nor has nature rested content with making her beetles grotesque or eccentric. She has lavished upon them her treasures and secrets of decoration. Everybody knows how lovely are those shards of the "cantharides" which are used in Indian and other embroidery, and to decorate the robes or headdresses of Eastern dancers. But there are many other varieties which display brilliant and amazing combinations of color, and some of those specimens which are merely lustrous and burnished to look at with the naked eye manifest under a microscope the most dazzling effects of jewelry. There is, for example, the Brazilian rose or diamond beetle; regarded hastily, his wing-covers are but a sort of purple copper, but study one facet of them with a lens and you will see such a piece of fine goldsmithery, such delicate and splendid blending of living gems as might put to shame Aaron's breastplate or the bridal ornaments of a Queen. And remember the beetles possess curious eyes, not likely to lose any joy or glory in these marvelous adornments.

Had nature an ideal beetle in view when she made that first specimen and set him creeping among her big "saurians"? In point of size she seems to have reached her limit in the goliath beetle already noticed, but even our common English stag beetle is often as big as a field mouse. Intellectually, she went perhaps as far as she could in the scarabœus, which the Egyptians, not without much reason, greatly venerated. That wonderful insect, like a Pharaoh himself preparing for his future life, rolls its ox up in a neat ball of compost, carries it on its broad head, or pushes it to a suitable spot where the Nile will moisten and warm it, so that at a certain season the young scarabs spring from the Egyptian soil in myriads, and were taken by the priests to be symbols of returning souls. But, perhaps, I have already made far too much of black beetles.

Lents's New Dignity.

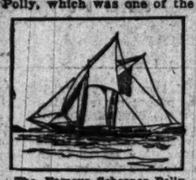
In an address to the voters of his Congress district the Hon. John Jacob Lentz of Columbus wails over "the business of corrupting the needy and miserable voters," and weeps for "the farm slave, the factory slave, and the slaves in mercantile and professional life." He is sure that he would have been reflected if corruption and slavery had not beaten him. "In addition," he writes, "to the degrees of B. S., B. A., and B. L., won in the universities which I attended, I have recently taken the degree of B. B. B., 'Beaten by Bribery.'" Mr. Lentz has not read his new sheepskin. It confers upon him the degree of Blustering Blowhard of Buncombe.—New York Sun.

An Experiment in Legislation.

Pennsylvania's legislators have decided to stop throwing paper balls, bill files, and cigar stumps at each other. It seems that this horse play is an immemorial custom at Harrisburg, and some of the veterans doubt if the State can be successfully governed if it is abandoned.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT.

OLDEST SHIP IN ACTIVE SERVICE.—The recent storm on the Atlantic coast, in which so many stanch vessels were lost, calls attention to the famous old schooner Polly, which was one of the more fortunate of the coasting fleet. The Polly is older than most men, for it was built in Amesbury, Mass., in 1805. If the hull timbers of the sturdy little sixty-five ton ship could speak they might tell many an exciting story of adventure on the salt seas, for they have seen nearly a century of active service. When the Polly had been off the stocks but seven years the second war with Great Britain broke out. The boat was then owned and commanded by Captain Jeduthan Upton, a patriot, who fitted his tiny vessel up with cannon, put on board an armed crew of twenty men, and started out as a privateer to prey on British shipping. A few months after the Polly was captured by his British Majesty's ship Phœbe, of forty-four guns. The Captain and his men were taken to England, where they were imprisoned for seven months. The prize crew placed on board the Polly, however, revolted and went over into the service of the United States.


The Famous Schooner Polly.

At the present time the Polly is owned and commanded by Captain McFarland of Calais, Me. For ninety years it has been known as one of the fastest sailing vessels on the north coast, and it can still show a clean pair of heels to many of its more modern rivals. It has been a long time since the Polly made a regular ocean voyage. It is now employed in trading between ports on the Maine coast.

IN POLITICS FOR GLORY.—A most astonishing state of affairs exists among the present Republican officeholders of New Jersey. A majority of them, it appears, are in politics for the glory of it, and many of them are said to turn over the entire amount of their salaries as officeholders to the treasury of the party which elects them. Thus, for instance, Colonel Samuel D. Dickinson, the Republican leader of Hudson, and Assistant Collector of the Port of Jersey City gives every cent of his salary of $2,000 a year to the cause of Republicanism. William Riker, who is treasurer of the Republican State Central committee and Clerk of the Supreme Court, is said to use his pay checks in the same way. Lewis A. Thompson, Clerk of the Court of Chancery, is another man who gets no personal profit from his office. Frank J. Higgins, probation officer of Jersey City, gives his salary of $880 to the Republican county organization, and State Controller William Hancock helps the State committee in the same way. These men and many others like them declare that they are not in office for pecuniary profit, but because they enjoy the game and can find glory to give their services for the pleasure and dignity which comes from the management of public affairs.

Colonel S. D. Dickinson.

STATELY MEMORY OF A "BUSTED" BOOM.—In the boom days of Sioux City, when the ambitious Iowa city was bustling elevated railroads and camping on the trail of London and Chicago, the Pierce mansion was one of the show places of the town. John Pierce built in 1891, and at that time was said to be the handsomest house in the State. It was built entirely of cut stone, and is said to have cost more than $60,000. When the bottom dropped out of the Sioux City boom Mr. Pierce became a poor man almost a night. The big stone castle was worse than an elephant on his hands, and finally it was sold for non-payment of taxes. A little later, as circumstances improved, Mrs. Pierce was able to redeem the property, which has since stood in her name, though in the present modest circumstances of the family it has not been occupied by them.

Pierce Mansion in Sioux City.

Just before the recent Presidential campaign Mr. Pierce decided to dispose of the house by lot. He prepared large badges of McKinley and Bryan, which were sold for $1 each, and each carried with it a chance to draw the big stone house with its surrounding grounds. More than 40,000 badges were sold, and on Christmas eve the drawing was held.

COLORED GIRL THE BEST SPELLER.—While young Mr. Bruce is winning honors for the colored race as an orator at Harvard Miss Sarah Hackett, a young colored girl, is in a more modest way making a name for herself in the public schools of the Pacific coast. Miss Hackett is 15 years old, and is a pupil in the grammar school at Alameda, Cal. Every year all the pupils in each grade of the Alameda schools take part in a spelling contest, a prize being awarded to the winner, who remains standing after all his rivals have been forced to take their seats. For the last two years this prize has been awarded to the little negro girl, who has each time won the honor in fair competition with from eighty to a hundred pupils, most of whom are white. The ability to spell is not by any means Miss Hackett's only accomplishment. She takes high rank in all her studies, and is looked upon as one of the brightest pupils in her class.

Miss Sarah Hackett.

NEW KLONDKE IN PENNSYLVANIA.—The goose that saved Rome and that other remarkable bird which laid the golden egg have a new rival. A goose owned by Jacob Kessler of Plowville, Pa., has just discovered a gold mine, although the bird cannot be given credit for doing it intentionally. At any rate, the farmers about Plowville are just now mining mad, and several of them, including Mr. Kessler, are now sinking shafts which they expect to tap deposits as rich as the placer mines of the Klondike.

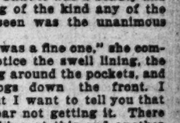
Jacob Kessler.

It was shortly before Thanksgiving that the first discovery was made. Mr. Kessler had killed and was cleaning a goose. He noticed that its crop was full of glistening particles. As a matter of curiosity he sent some of this yellow sand down to Philadelphia to be analyzed. Word came back that the goose's crop was a gold mine. Then Mr. Kessler set to work to find out where the goose had found the precious particles. The place was finally located with considerable exactness and a further search proved that the sand in that vicinity contained a fair sprinkling of the same kind of gold dust. In the hope of striking the mother lode from which these powder-like deposits have been ground a deep shaft is now being sunk.

WHERE MEN TAKE THE PLACE OF A TROLLEY.—Probably the most remarkable street car line in the world is that between Atami and Yoshihama, two coast towns in the Province of Izie, Japan. The line is seven miles long, the rolling stock consists of a single car, and the motive power is furnished by a couple of muscular coolies, who actually push the car along wherever power is necessary. When the car comes to a down-grade they jump on and ride. One of these street car coolies is down walking behind the car in the picture, while the boy on the front of the car is stationed there to blow a warning trumpet and help apply the brakes when necessary. The coolies who work this unique road are said to be astonishing specimens of physical development. The fare for a round trip over the road, including the expected tips for the crew, is 21 cents.

Street Car Propelled by Men.

LIVED MANY THOUSAND YEARS B. C.—The British Museum has just come into possession of the mummified remains of an Egyptian who lived and flourished at least 6,000 years before Christ. In fact, the remains are supposed to date from prehistoric time, so long ago that the time can be only roughly approximated. They were found in a roughly hewn stone grave, and were surrounded with implements and pots which date from the new stone age of Egypt. The body was not preserved as are ordinary mummies. It seems to have been merely coated or painted with a preparation of bitmen, the cloth wrappings and tightly sewed coffins of ordinary mummies being entirely lacking. Whatever the process, however, the result is certainly marvelous, for it is still, after the passage of almost countless centuries, easy to distinguish that in his life time this old Egyptian was a tall man, and that he had red hair. So far as known this new addition to the British Museum is the oldest body of any human being.


Mummified Head of Oldest Known Man.

WHY HE CHANGED.

It was at a colored revival meeting. Various brothers and sisters had arisen and told of their sins and asked to be forgiven, when Uncle Reuben jumped to his feet and began to shout so loudly that a deacon took him by the arm and led him outdoors and down the street a piece and was about to leave him when Uncle Reuben asked:

"Man, what yo' dun fussin' wid me fur?"

"Too much noise, uncle," was the reply.

"Doan' I belong to dat church?"

"Yo' does."

"Is I ag'in de rules of de church to git excited and shout fur de blessed cause of religun?"

"No, suh."

"Does yo' find it anywhar in de Bible dat I can't shout fur de salvation of sinners?"

"No, suh."

"Den what yo' dun pull me out yere fur?"

"Kase we got to draw de line, Uncle Reuben."

"What line?"

"De line on pew rent. Yo' is owin' dis church 'bout $3,000 pew rent, Uncle Reuben, an' de disconsistency of yo'r standin' up an' shoutin' looks so previous dat de deacons has coincided to disconnect yo' an' run de risk of all de white folks bein' burned up with fish an' brimstun!"

He turned on his heels and entered the meeting-house, and after gazing at the building for two or three minutes in silence the old man slowly observed:

"Dat ends me up wid de Methodist religion an' drives me plumb into de arms of de Baptist Church to owe $10,000 pew rent!"—Washington Post.

HOLIDAY RIVALRY.

Being engaged, she must, of course, give her prospective husband something. After reading all Christmas hints, consulting all her confidential friends, and lying awake nights in deep thought, she decided on a smoking jacket. The young man does not smoke, but the young lady who considers utility is not in love.

She bought the present and carried it home rather than wait a couple of hours to have it delivered. That it was a beauty and surpassed anything of the kind any of the

STATE TEACHERS TO MEET

START TO SPRINGFIELD TODAY FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Football to Be a Leading Topic for Discussion and a Set of Rules May Result — School Board Section to Take Part in the Proceedings — Opening General Session This Evening and Morning and Afternoon of Two Following Days.

The Illinois State Teachers' association, including a large delegation from Chicago, will meet in Springfield today for the annual consideration of subjects of elementary and academic education. With their December salaries paid at last, the Chicago teachers have been enabled to attend the convention in large numbers.

A place of special prominence on the program has been given to athletics in the schools. It will be considered by the high school section, and the principals and teachers will endeavor to come to an understanding on the merits and demerits of football as played in the schools. Suggestions for the regulation of the game will be considered and changes will be suggested which may be expected to eliminate objectionable features.

Fatalities at Football Games.

Consideration of the subject has been given point by the numerous fatalities among schoolboy players during the last season. Faculty supervision of this and other sports will be treated of by H. S. Weston, principal of the Jacksonville schools, and the subject of "Athletics in the High School" will be discussed by B. D. Parker, principal of the Rockford schools. The topic upon which all the members of the high school section will unite in discussion will be:

"Does football, as at present conducted, conduce to the best interests of the students who participate and of the school? If not, what changes should be made?"

It is expected that some defenders of the sport will be found among the Chicago principals who will attend the meeting of the section.

General Session Tonight.

For the discussion of other topics the association will meet in regular general session tonight and in morning and night sessions for the remaining two days of the conference. The afternoons have been given to the sectional discussions of art, music, language, college entrance requirements, and physical training.

Professor Graham Taylor of the Chicago Commons will speak tomorrow night upon the "Social Extension of the Public School" before the general meeting of the association. Professor John Dewey of the University of Chicago also will speak before the general session.

"Education for the Farmer" has been made a prominent subject for the discussions of the general meetings. Miss Alta A. Harmon of the University of Chicago will speak of "The Sociological Value of the Rural School."

The Committee of Twelve, appointed to consider a uniform system of accrediting schools, will report to a joint session of the high school and college sections on Friday afternoon. "High School Electives and their Relation to College Entrance Requirements" will be considered by George H. Rockwood of the Austin High School at the same meeting.

School Board Section.

The School board section, presided over by E. H. Gross, former member of the Chicago Board of Education, will have the following subjects for consideration:

"Should Special School Charters for Cities Be Maintained?"
"Special School Legislation Needed for Cities."
"Schoolhouse Construction."
"Heating and Ventilating of School Buildings."
"Lighting of Schoolrooms."
"Decoration of Schoolrooms."

The care of health will be considered by the child study section, and advice will be given by Dr. Frank Allport, consulting physician of the Chicago Board of Education, and Charles C. Krausjopf of the child study department of the Chicago schools.

LEARN NAME OF ACTRESS WIFE.

Relatives of George Campbell Lawrence Fail to Understand Published Notice, However.

Relatives of George Campbell Lawrence were surprised yesterday when shown the formal announcement of his marriage on Oct. 2 in Boston to Ivy Christine Langlois, daughter of the late Jean Langlois, Queen's Counsel, M. P., of Quebec, Canada. Charles H. Lawrence, 904 Hinman avenue, the father of the young man, was unable to explain why the notice should have been inserted at this time. The marriage, he said, was the deed of a foolish boy. Through the notice the friends of the family learned for the first time the real name of the girl whom young Lawrence, then a member of the senior class at Harvard University, had married. Hitherto it was only known that she was the member of a theatrical troupe, and that her stage name was Antoinine Sawill.

It is thought by the boy's relatives that the notice is an effort on the part of the girl's friends to bring the young couple together again, it being said that young Lawrence has been induced to leave his wife. It is also said that he is now in New Mexico with his uncle, James H. Lawrence. The notice in question reads:

LAWRENCE—LANGLOIS—At Boston, on Oct. 2, 1900, Ivy Christine Langlois, daughter of the late Jean Langlois, Esq., Queen's Counsel, M. P., of Quebec, to George Campbell Lawrence, son of Charles H. Lawrence, attorney at law, Evanston, Ill.

Young Lawrence is a grandson of Charles H. Lawrence, a former Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

GOLDEN WEDDING ON HOLIDAY.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed Have a Double Celebration at Bissell Street Residence.

Christmas was doubly celebrated by a golden wedding at the residence of John Reed, 201 Bissell street, yesterday. Plans had been made for a reception in the afternoon, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Reed only the immediate family assembled. Mr. Reed married Susan Collins at Lowell, Mass., in 1850 and immediately came to Chicago, making the trip by lake. For the last fifty years they have made their home in Chicago, Mr. Reed formerly being in the retail grocery business. He is 72 years old. Ten years ago Mr. Reed retired from business and since then has busied himself looking after his property interests on the North Side. Three sons were born to the Reeds. R. J., the eldest, is now in the insurance business. William J. is an attorney at 95 Dearborn street, while S. B. is a liveryman.

BISHOP OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA.

The Rt.-Rev. C. C. McCabe Will Sail on Jan. 8 to Supervise Mission Work There.

Bishop and Mrs. C. C. McCabe and Miss Russell, private secretary to the Bishop, will sail from New York on Jan. 8 for their trip through South America, which will occupy four months. Bishop McCabe was recently appointed to take charge of mission work in South America, and his trip is for the purpose of going over his work. The party will land first on the Isthmus of Panama and cross to the Pacific, taking transportation for Iquique, Chile. Before returning Bishop McCabe will go to England, reaching Evanston again in May.

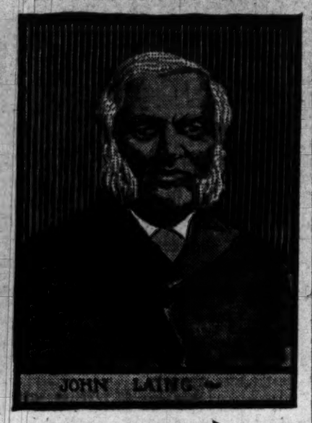
FAREWELL TO THE CENTURY.

Evanston Churches Will Hold a Union Meeting on Next Sunday Evening.

A union farewell service to the nineteenth century will be held on Sunday evening by the Evanston churches. They are the First Methodist, First Congregational, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, and the Emmanuel Methodist. The five pastors will make addresses. The meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian Church. A special musical program will be prepared.

TWO CHICAGOANS 100 YEARS OLD YESTERDAY.

MRS. MARGARET CULLAGAN.



JOHN LAING.

MRS. MARGARET CULLIGAN was 100 years old yesterday. Mrs. Culligan is an inmate of the Home for the Aged at Sheffield and Belden avenues, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor. She was the center of attraction among the women there, many of whom are thirty years younger than Mrs. Culligan. They overwhelmed her with expressions of good wishes.

Mrs. Culligan, of small stature and frail, is nevertheless in possession of all her faculties, and, with the aid of a hickory walking stick, hobbles about the dormitory of the home.

It is given to but few human beings to count within their lifetime 100 Christmas days, and when one of her callers expressed the hope of being able to congratulate her a year hence Mrs. Culligan said:

"Well, if I am prepared for it, I don't care if I die before that time."

"Tell the women what presents you got," said the sister who assisted her into the reception-room.

"Well, my friends were good to me," said Mrs. Culligan. "They gave me a new shawl, a handkerchief, a piece of toilet soap, and—and a bottle of whisky," and she laughed when she mentioned the last gift. Mrs. Culligan was born in Kaldush, County Clare, Ireland, and came to the United States eighty years ago. She lived first in Elmira, N. Y., and fifty years ago came to Chicago. All her relatives died and for twelve years she has lived at the Home for the Aged. She gets up every morning at 5 o'clock, attends early mass in the chapel, and makes up her own bed. She retires at 5:30 o'clock every day and enjoys life as well as any of the inmates of the home.

JOHN LAING has lived a hundred Christmas days, which are also his birthdays. He resides at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Berger, 4603 State street, who is proud of the fact that her father is a centenarian. Mr. Laing, who is of sturdy Scotch stock, has not been in the best of health for the last three months. Since Oct. 16 he has been confined to his bed, suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. He is a devout church member and ascribes his long life to the fact that he observed one of the ten commandments.

"I think I have lived so long," he said, "because I have followed the Bible's teachings in the commandment:

"'Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.'

"And I have always been good to them."

The Rev. Charles Henry of the South Park Baptist Church and a number of the church members were among the callers who came to offer their congratulations. The church people held impromptu services at the bedside and sang psalms.

Up to October Mr. Laing enjoyed the best of health. He has been an inveterate smoker all his life. He was born on a farm near Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He spent his boyhood herding sheep. He served a year in the British army, and at the age of 27 emigrated to Canada. He devoted himself to farming.

He has eight children, twenty grandchildren, of whom five are married, and six great-grandchildren. He is a giant in stature, and at the Scottish picnic held in Burlington Park four years ago he was awarded a medal for being the oldest Scotchman in Chicago. He has been a Mason for seventy-nine years and is a member of St. Andrew's society.

EVENTS IN CHICAGO SOCIETY.

Wedding of Miss Lillian Easton to Mr. Carl G. Scherff of Detroit.

The wedding of Miss Lillian Amy Easton, daughter of Mrs. A. M. Easton, 327 Park avenue, and Mr. Carl G. Scherff of Detroit took place yesterday at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Bishop Fallows performing the ceremony. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. R. J. Brown, and Miss Harriet Julia Brown was the maid of honor. Mr. Norman De Voe of Toledo was the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Scherff will be at home after Feb. 1 at 163 Columbia street, Detroit.

At the Kenwood Evangelical Church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Elizabeth Lee Timmons, daughter of Mrs. George Timmons, was married to Mr. Charles H. Briot. The bridemaids were Miss Lillian Stubergh, Miss Florence Smith, and Miss Kate Turney. Mr. Otto F. Reich was the best man, and the ushers Mr. Burley B. Ayers and Mr. Wiley E. Hooper.

Another Christmas wedding was that of Miss Frances Early Whiteside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Whiteside, 3623 Grand boulevard, and Mr. Marvin Jay McClure of Detroit, which took place at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Henry Irving Rasmus performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McClure will live in Detroit.

A number of entertainments will be given during the week for Miss Eva McKinnie, who will be married to John Flannery Jr. next Wednesday. A dinner and theater party will be given by Mrs. P. L. McKinnie, mother of Miss McKinnie, and today Miss Rena Fargo gives a tea. Miss Carpenter will give a luncheon tomorrow to the bride and bridemaids, and on Dec. 28 Miss May Vose will give a "handkerchief shower." The festivities end on Saturday at a tea at the home of Miss Leta Hartshorn.

Mrs. Frank Asbury Johnson, 5817 Monroe avenue, will give a reception for Miss Margaret Evans of Minnesota on Saturday from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. W. B. Kennedy, 364 Ashland boulevard, gave a dinner yesterday. There were twelve guests.

NATURALISTS TO MEET HERE.

Representatives of Western Universities Coming to Chicago Tomorrow for a Convention.

The naturalists of the central and western States will hold their second annual meeting at the University of Chicago tomorrow and Friday, to discuss matters of interest pertaining to their work. There will be representatives present from most of the universities and colleges in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana. The committee in charge of the meeting is as follows:

E. A. Birge, University of Wisconsin, chairman.
C. R. Barnes, University of Chicago.
T. G. Lee, University of Minnesota.
C. C. Nutting, University of Iowa.
C. B. Davenport, University of Chicago.

DAILY HINT FROM PARIS.

The dress represented is for a child between 8 and 10 years of age. It is made of bright drab cloth, trimmed with a darker

CHILD'S PRETTY DRESS.

shade of velvet, forming braces, with quilles of the same down the skirt. The yoke is of guipure, edged with a flounce of the cloth. Three cloth flounces ornament the skirt. The velvet waistband has long ends.—New York Herald.

Loss of Fiance Prompts Suicide.

Rushville, Ind., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Miss Berta Culbertson, aged 21 years, a pretty and popular teacher living near Glenwood, in a fit of despondency over her separation from her fiancé, committed suicide by shooting at her home this morning. Miss Culbertson had been receiving attentions from Charles May, who left yesterday for Chicago. He asked Miss Culbertson to forget him, as he feared their separation might be forever.

Marquise de Fontenoy Letter.

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NOT only the court of Denmark but likewise the Princess of Wales, the Dowager Empress of Russia, and the reigning family of Greece, are much wrought up and annoyed at the publication of a hitherto unwritten chapter of the annals of the present Danish dynasty. It is contained in the memoirs of that Count Conrad Rantzau who (descended from John Rantzau of reformation wars celebrity) was for a long number of years not merely Minister of State but likewise confidant and adviser of Kings Frederick VI., Christian VIII., Frederick VII., and the present King Christian IX. It is worthy of being placed on record in these columns, not only because it has been until now a more or less sealed chapter as far as the general public is concerned but likewise because it affords an explanation of the reasons why so many royal marriages culminate in scandal and in unhappiness.

The revelations concern King Frederick VII., who immediately preceded the now reigning monarch of Denmark on the throne. At the age of 17 he was married, in defiance of his own wishes, to Princess Wilhelmina, daughter of the then reigning King Frederick VI., who, having no surviving male issue, wished at any rate one of his daughters to have a share in the inheritance of his crown. Princess Wilhelmina, who was the cousin of her husband, was not only his senior in age by several months but likewise homely and far from intellectually brilliant. Indeed, Count Rantzau speaks of her as being remarkably dull, added to which she suffered from melancholia from the outset of the union, being thoroughly aware that the marriage was loveless, that it had been merely arranged for dynastic and political considerations, and that her consort, in spite of being still in his teens, was already famed for his profligacy, for his eccentricity, and for his infatuation for an 18-year-old ballet girl of the name of Louise Rasmussen.

The union came to an end six years later by means of a divorce, which was granted in favor of the Princess. Indeed, the charges proved against her husband were such that the King, his uncle, banished him to Iceland, where he remained in exile until a year after the succession of his father, King Christian VIII., to the throne. Christian VIII. having divorced his own wife felt a certain degree of indulgence for his son, and restored him to his honors on condition that he contracted another marriage, this time with Princess Marianne, daughter of the Grand Duke of Mecklenberg-Strelitz. Five years later this Princess divorced him in turn, just two years before he succeeded his father as King under the name of Frederick VII.

It is probable that this doubly divorced Prince would have been barred by the people from the crown had there been any other Prince available. For his treatment of his two successive wives, one of whom he attempted to strangle and the other whom he swore to poison, his threats to murder the entire royal family, and to proclaim a republic, and his devotion to the brandy bottle resulting in frequent attacks of delirium tremens, was such as to warrant his being put under restraint as a lunatic. It was impossible, however, to find any one at that moment in whose favor to set aside his own claims to the throne, and it was not until an international congress had determined upon the present King, a German Prince, as the most suitable candidate for the crown, that he himself after becoming King was provided with a successor.

Soon after ascending the throne he contracted a morganatic marriage with the danseuse to whom he had been attached at the time of his first marriage, and he created her Countess Danner. The principal merit about this woman, whom I have seen wrongly described as a Parisian born modiste, was that she kept the King, her husband, from too gross misbehavior. She was, however, extremely ambitious, and, like all fair ones with a questionable past, most eager for social recognition. King Frederick's Ministers and constitutional advisers experienced the utmost difficulty in preventing him from elevating her to the rank of Queen of Denmark in deference to her constant solicitations, and she only desisted when it was pointed out to her that the compliance with her request would inevitably result in a popular revolution, and in the expulsion of the King and herself from the country.

Thus disappointed in her hopes of becoming Queen of Denmark, she thereupon devoted herself to the arduous task of securing recognition at foreign courts as the morganatic wife of the King. But even this was denied to her, and it is no secret that the insulting bitterness which she displayed to the French envoy at Copenhagen after receiving an intimation from Paris that Empress Eugénie would be unable to receive her at the court of the Tuileries was largely, if not entirely, responsible for the failure of Napoleon III. to raise his finger in behalf of Denmark at the time of the latter's disastrous war with Prussia and Austria.

Countess Danner could not understand why the Empress, whose nuptial antecedents she regarded as quite as stormy as her own, should affect toward her arrogant prudery, which, in her opinion, was warranted neither by the birth and career of Eugénie nor by the moral atmosphere of such a court as the Tuileries, shunned, as it was, by all crowned women, with the exception of Queen Victoria, who was induced by her Ministers to visit Paris at the time of the Crimean war for exclusively political reasons. Save in her case royal women remained at home when their husband visited Napoleon and Eugénie.

It is only fair to say that Countess Danner, who died in 1875 without issue, lived a life so free from scandal after her marriage and exercised, save where her judgment was warped by social ambitions, such a salutory influence upon the private life of the disreputable King, the consort of the present King—namely: the late Queen Louise, who was then only Crown Princess—felt herself justified in treating the Countess as a relative and in socially recognizing her.

The present King and his consort were in those days frightfully poor, and when they first came to Copenhagen their position was rendered additionally difficult by the ill will of the King, who bitterly resented the action of the international congress of great powers in thus forcing upon him an heir to his throne without regard to his wishes in the matter.

It was Countess Danner who first brought him round to see matters in a different light and who converted him from an enemy into a friend of Prince and Princess Christian and of their children. He increased the Prince's allowance and in every possible way made amends for his previous hostility. No one will blame Queen Louise for showing herself grateful to Countess Danner, between whom and herself such friendly intercourse eventually ensued that Princess Christian often sent her daughters to spend the afternoon with the Countess. Indeed it is to the Countess that the Princess of Wales and her sisters, the widowed Empress of Russia and the Duchess of Brunswick and of Cumberland are indebted for their remarkable skill and taste, not merely in the wearing, but likewise in the fashioning and making of millinery. For the Countess, at the time when Prince Frederick was exiled to Iceland owing to the charges of his first wife, was herself expelled from Denmark and proceeded to Paris, where she secured a position in a dressmaking establishment until the Prince's return and rehabilitation. That is where she acquired the art of the coutouriere.

Stray Dog Bites a Bartender.

Joseph Gallery, bartender in a saloon at 344 East Chicago avenue, was bitten in his right leg yesterday by a stray dog which wandered into the basement of the saloon. Detective McCarthy of the East Chicago Avenue Station shot the dog, which was supposed to be mad. Gallery's wound was cauterized.

When Deeds Were Bold

By GRANT MACOMBER.

[CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY'S TRIBUNE.]

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Thomas de Lacy, nephew and heir of Philip, Earl of Fordham, is summoned by the Earl to a conference, at which he meets Sir Richard Mohun, a knight of sinister aspect. He learns that Sir Richard has come with news that Fordham Castle is about to be besieged by the enemies of the Earl. He is told to lead a body of men and try to capture the Lady Alice Whitburn, daughter of one of the knights in the band against Earl Philip. With messages to Earl Philip's friends at the south Sir Richard Mohun accompanies the youthful leader when he rides forth, but leaves him before the Lady Alice's escort is encountered. Though De Lacy is himself surprised by the foe he had expected to ambush, he is successful in capturing the Lady Alice. Before the castle is reached the discovery is made that the siege has begun ahead of the supposed time. In trying to reach a secret way the forces of Sir Ralph de Monthermer, the Lady Alice's betrothed, are met but escaped from. A single pursuer follows, and is found to be Sir Richard Mohun, whom De Lacey begins to suspect of treachery. With Earl Philip, however, who has come to the rescue, all flie into the secret way, and safely reach the castle. On the morning before Christmas eve Earl Philip orders his nephew to prepare to wed the Lady Alice, and afterwards in insulting fashion invites the besiegers to witness the marriage. The answer is an immediate attack, which is repulsed.

CHAPTER VI.—PIETRO THE APE.

NO effort was made to renew the conflict. Monthermer drew off his men and took his wounded with him.

Earl Philip was elated and declared he would still further gall the pride of the enemy. So bonfires were lighted on the battlements and the garrison was told to celebrate the Christmas eve and the victory together. In the hall until a late hour merriment ran riot. The Earl kissed the Countess under the mistletoe, and I would have done as much for the Lady Alice, but she was careful not to give me the chance. She did not try to conceal her sadness and kept on the dais near the Countess' chair, shrinking away into an alcove whenever the Earl approached. Another person also seemed to take no joy from the festivities, neither drinking nor dancing. He was Sir Richard, who sat in a chair near the fireplace in which the Yule log burned.

"What do the fire spirits show you in the flames?" I asked him, laughingly.

He gazed at me fixedly before he replied. "They show me many strange things," he said at last. "I see a maiden pining away in a lonely castle, giving to a brutal husband the passion of hate instead of that of love."

"Take back that sentence," I said with a threatening gesture. He did not as much as move.

"What interest have you," I continued excitedly, "in preventing this marriage? In what I have seen since we met I have not been led to believe Sir Richard Mohun a kindly man. And why"—I advanced toward him and looked down into his shifty eyes—"did you try to kill me at the outwork today? Why did you kill Dirkin and Jock on that day when I sent them with you as your bodyguard? Why did you shoot the falcon Lady Alice Whitburn flew? Why did you join Monthermer and with him pursue me to the secret way?"

My vehemence did not allow him a chance to break in, but before I was done he was on his feet facing me with hatred written in his look, and when I stopped he began to sputter with rage. Suddenly he recollected himself and resumed his old cynical manner. "You have been drinking too deep of Christmas cheer," he said, flippantly. "Keep away from me until you are sober. I am in no mood tonight to be made sport of by a lad."

"And why should you be glum on a holiday night?" I retorted.

He made no answer, but turned from me and walked away. I wondered if I had made a mistake in betraying my suspicions, but I could not censure myself.

I wanted to be alone in order that I might think, and I hurried from the scene of festivity to my room, giving a "merry Christmas" greeting to the Earl and the Countess and the Lady Alice as I passed them. The Lady Alice, I recalled with pain, once I gained the shelter of my room, made no response.

I saw myself then for the blackguard I was, and I wished Monthermer had slain me at the barricade. For a second even I was sorry Sir Richard Mohun's assassin sword had not pierced me, but of that regret I soon freed myself. I did not care to die by a villain's hand. With my mind on the treacherous knight, I thought of our verbal encounter of the evening and of the result it would have on our future meetings. I wondered what his own feelings must be that night, and did not judge them pleasant. There was he, in a castle he could not leave, and suspected by the nephew of its commandant. If his guilt were proved he must know he would have short shrift. I laughed low, for I was sure he would not imagine that the Earl had refused to listen to my story of those same suspicions.

Before retiring I stepped to the opening to breathe the frosty air. As I stood there I caught a strange, heavy odor, not unpleasant and yet after a few seconds a little sickening. From the wall I traced it to the floor and then to my bed. Tales of Italian poisoners came to me, and I debated with myself whether my enemy might not have resolved to to rid himself of me through some subtle, deadly drug of which he had possessed himself during his travels. But I could not see that the odor had any ill effect, though I sniffed it curiously. I was alarmed, however, and I own it freely. The unknown, I think, will frighten the boldest. Returning to the opening, I leaned as far out as I could and looked down. I could not much more than get my head out—though a slender man or a boy might have squeezed through—but I had no trouble in looking directly downward. I saw nothing unusual, though my nostrils told me that the line of odor ran to the left.

The window was, I should say, about twenty-five feet from the ground and looked into the court, though a wide expanse of the Cheviots was visible from above the opposite castle wall. The two-fold outlook was what led me to keep the room, which otherwise was not suited to my rank. To the left of the window was the massive arched entrance from the outer wall to the courtyard, and one of the projecting carved figures which decorated the arch was so near I could have touched it had I been able to get my shoulders into the open air. To this figure the odor seemed to trace. Down beneath were other figures, arranged almost as conveniently as a ladder. I knew, because when a small boy I often had clambered up them.

Could Sir Richard intend to pay me a visit? I smiled at the idea. He was almost thin enough to get through the window, but he need not have perfumed the path. I determined, nevertheless, to sleep lightly. Before lying down I also placed my sword by my pallet and laid a stout club alongside.

My resolution of wakefulness was not as strong as my weariness. I was fast asleep a few minutes after I had lain down. As I knew afterwards, I slumbered heavily for a long space, but I seemed just to have closed my eyes when I was awakened by a sense of oppressive darkness. I looked for the light the opening should have admitted, but the wall appeared solid.

Of a sudden I realized that something was blocking out the starlight. I heard sounds, too, as if some one were squeezing through. Then there was a scratching noise, a lurch, a fall, and the stars again were visible, while from the floor a form rose and leaped toward the bed. I cried out—though I knew there was little chance of my shout being heard—at the same time jumping from my bed and reaching for my sword. I fumbled, and before I could make a second effort I was grasped around the waist by hairy arms of immense strength and felt a hot, unclean breath in my face.

My arms by blessed chance were left free, and with them I clutched at the throat of my assailant. None too soon did I get my fingers on the neck beneath the panting, open jaws. My own throat was distant from those jaws a scant inch when I put all the force I could muster into a choking grip. The pressure about my body was taking my breath and strength, but I dug my fingers deeper and deeper until I heard a welcome gurgle and felt my own body released.

I was too exhausted, however, to prevent the thing from writhing free of me. In staggering leaps it made for the window, but my breath returned and I was on it with a club before it could escape. I struck relentlessly until, groaning, it fell back at my feet, and then I put my foot upon its throat and beat the remnant of life from its frame. Not till then did I ask myself by what or whom I had been attacked. Lifting the heavy body to the window's level, I beheld the man-like face of Pietro, Sir Richard Mohun's ape. Sir Richard did, indeed, fear me and had taken quick steps to remove me. I pitched the body into the courtyard and watched to see if any one approached. No one did, and the next morning Pietro's remains lay where I had cast them.

Sir Richard admitted a keen sorrow for Pietro's end and credited it to a loving and climbing disposition. "He fell from the archway, poor fellow," he said. No one else mourned the beast, and the men-at-arms openly agreed with Jed when he declared his belief that the fiends had claimed their own. For myself, I avoided Sir Richard and he did me the same honor.

The artifice was easy, for the Christmas feast absorbed so much attention that the actions of persons went unnoticed. Long before day the cooks were busy, and by noon the signal was given which summoned us to the hall. Those of us who were entitled to sit at the higher table close by the wild boar's rosemary dressed body were gathering about the dais to give greetings to the Earl and the Countess when another signal sounded. It was a horn wound merrily beyond the moat. We stopped to listen, but it was not repeated. In a brief time, however, a guard came from the outwork to say that a minstrel sought entrance.

"Why does he not linger in the camps without? Has he anything to say of himself?" questioned the Earl.

"Naught," responded the grinning guard, "save that he has a liking for Christmas cheer and so wants to come where it may be found."

"And come he shall," said the Earl. "Let him enter."

"Uncle," I broke in, "he may be a spy. It is strange our foes should let him pass."

"Why strange?" was the stern retort. "In all my days has the minstrel been free to go where he will. Warrenne might be harsh with a merry stroller, but not Monthermer. He shall enter to add to our cheer, and if he be a spy his tale shall not give pleasure to any who send him."

So it befell that the minstrel entered Fordham's gates.

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The Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters, who some time ago came forward as a vigorous champion of Justice to the Jew in a book presenting the story of what the Jew has done for the world, has prepared another volume on what he styles "The Wit and Wisdom of the Talmud." It is in the form of selected sayings and paragraphs culled from out of the vast mass of more or less wise traditions, comments, and aphorisms contained in the Mishna and the Gemara.

While a vast deal of the Talmudic traditions consists of literary chaff, there are also numerous grains of fine moral and religious teachings contained therein. Some of these precepts sound trite to us today owing to their having become so commonly accepted, but others are strikingly apt and many are genuinely witty.

Here, for example, are a few of the many wise bits cited by Dr. Peters:

Charity is the salt of riches.

He who eats and drinks, but blesses not the Lord is ever as he who stealeth.

He who gives charity in secret is greater than Moses.

Sow peace at home—scatter its fruits abroad.

The world depends on its school children.

When he was a puppy I fed him; and when he became a dog he bit me.

Alas, for one thing that goes and never returneth! What is it? Youth.

It will be readily seen that there is contained in these sayings nothing either ethical or philosophical in character which might not be essentially of today. H. P. Mendes in his introduction to the book touches upon this point when he says: "Let it not be forgotten the New Testament itself is full of similar lofty teachings, noble ideals, and exalted ideas birthed in Jewish tongues and written with pens wielded by Jewish hands."

Of the "wit" of the Talmud the following parable may be taken as a specimen:

The serpent's tail had a long time followed the directions of the head with the best results. One day the tail began: "Thou appeareth always foremost, but I must remain ever in the background. Why should not I also sometimes lead?" "Well," replied the head, "thou shalt have thy will for once." The tail rejoiced accordingly and took the lead. Its first exploit was to drag the body into a miry ditch. Hardly escaped from that unpleasant situation, it crept into a fiery furnace, and when relieved from there, it got entangled among briars and thorns. What caused all these misfortunes? Because the head had submitted to be guided by the tail. When the lower classes are guided by the higher, all goes well, but if the higher orders suffer themselves to be swayed by popular prejudices, they all suffer together.

Among recent publications it would be hard to find a more entertaining book than Frederick Douglas How has gleaned from the notebook of his distinguished father, Bishop Walsham How, and put forth with the agreeable title, "Lighter Moments" (E. P. Dutton & Co.).

In the great majority of cases the anecdotes included are wholly authentic and deal with clerical or religious subjects. Almost uniform good taste characterizes them, and all are interesting from the point of view of the layman as well as the preacher. It is here that the Yorkshireman mourning for his little son is made to say to the consoling clergyman at his elbow, after long waiting for the subsidence of an inarticulate grief: "If it waurna agen the law, I'd like t' have the little beggar stoomfed!" Here, too, the Sunday school child defines an archangel to be "an angel that came out of the ark."

Many of the stories are more elaborate, though none is lengthy. An Irish curate in Oswestry referred in his sermon to "the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears." Then, the physiological aspect of the action making a sudden appeal to him, he added: "I suppose, my friends, she must clap one ear to the ground and stick her tail in the other." At the laying of a corner stone Bishop How was handed a bottle filled with some sort of oily substance. Doubtful of the intention of the donor, it seemed to be the appropriate thing to break it on the stone. A horrible odor assured those near that this could not have been the thing to do, and the good prelate was much puzzled until he learned that it was liniment for a rumored attack of rheumatism prepared by the hand of an admiring old woman. The book abounds in good stories.

Miss Elisa Armstrong has written another pleasant little book, giving it the somewhat whimsical title of "The Very Young Man and the Angel Child" (Dodge Publishing company). Twin romances running through the narrative serve to connect the anecdotes of the performances of a number of dwellers in a modern apartment building, including not only the two characters which give the story its name but a pair of bachelor girls, the mother of the Angel Child and his papa, an unmarried woman who is not a bachelor girl, a fine fellow named Hardy, a newspaper man, and some others not so strongly marked.

Miss Armstrong has a keen sense of humor, once said by John Kendrick Bangs to be an unusual thing in woman—to his subsequent discomfiture. Her pages teem with brilliant conversation, epigram, repartee, philosophy, and merry jest. The Angel Child is the small he imp of satan which so many boys living in flat buildings seem to be to their neighbors, who fail to make allowance for their being so cabined, cribbed, and confined. The Very Young Man is all that his designation implies, though he falls too profoundly into love too early in the argument to show any symptoms of his adolescence beyond mere devotion and sentimental distress. If the book were to be taken seriously for a minute or two, something that the author evidently did not intend, it could be said that a really accurate picture of life in a modern city flat building has been drawn with some exaggeration but more skill.

The year of the French exposition has been remarkably prolific in books about Paris. One of the best of these is called "Paris in Its Splendor." It is the work of an English author, Mr. E. A. Reynolds-Ball, and is published in two handsome volumes, bound in white and gold, by Dana Estes & Co. It is embellished with half a hundred full-page illustrations of prominent buildings and points of interest in Paris. In its contents it is an expanded guide book, though much more complete in its historical materials than any guide book in existence. Even in its descriptive portions it is a valuable and exhaustive supplement to Baedeker. While the author has drawn liberally upon all the best literature on the subject, his book is by no means a compilation, it presents many original points of view and shows excellent critical and literary powers.

The narrative extends, in desultory style, from the days of medieval Paris to the closing of the exposition in 1900, sketching rapidly the intervening historical periods and describing the landmarks that still stand as reminders of the various epochs. Paris resembles New York in the fact that the seething life of the present dominates everything and is allowed quickly to blot out historic landmarks. This fact makes a book like the present especially valuable to any one wishing to make a thorough study of Paris. The descriptions of the museums, churches, monuments, parks, and other features of the city are both accurate and entertaining, and the chapters on places of amusement and on literary landmarks are good.

The Macmillan company, in connection with George Bell & Sons of London, is bringing out in this country a notable series of monographs on "Great Masters in Painting and Sculpture." The latest volume to be added to the series is "Luca della Robbia," by the Marchesa Burlamacchi. The work is both readable and authoritative, and is embellished with more than thirty fine full-page photogravure illustrations of Della Robbia's most noted bas reliefs. Maurice Hewlett has said that "Luca della Robbia's blue eye medallions are the soul of Florence," and it is certainly true that this exquisite artist in terra cotta is enjoying a revival among art lovers of the present day. The Marchesa Burlamacchi has brought together in her book a more complete and accurate catalogue of his works than has hitherto been given to the English-speaking public. Her biography of the man, her account of his existing works, and the supplementary catalogue of all the works of the Della Robbias to be found in Italy, France, Germany, England, and America show thorough and painstaking research.

Brief Mention.

Mrs. Olive A. Cotton has just published through R. R. Donnelley & Sons of Chicago a handy and excellent book for cooks and housewives, entitled "Cake and Bread Recipes." It contains 300 recipes for making all sorts of loaf cakes, layer cakes, frostings, small cakes, bread, and rolls. Its style is clear and practical and many of its recipes are entirely new.

"The Three Witches," by Mrs. Molesworth (J. B. Lippincott company), is a tale of a health resort, the first "witch" being a quaint old masseuse, the second a high and mighty dame who rode in a carriage, and the third a pretty young woman. There is a pleasing mystery which is unraveled in the last chapter; and the story is written in Mrs. Molesworth's most charming style.

Second in the series of the "Woodranger Tales" by G. Waldo Browne (L. C. Page & Co.) is "The Young Gunbearer." The incidents belong to that period of colonial history known as "King George's war." The book deals specifically with the pathetic story of the expulsion of the Acadians from Grand Pré, so graphically set forth in Longfellow's "Evangeline," and portrays the causes that led up to the spoliation of those hapless people.

The latest of Baedeker's handbooks to appear in new editions are his "London" and his "Northern Germany." These familiar red volumes, like the rest of the series, are handled in this country by Charles Scribner's Sons. The guidebook for "London," in the twelfth revised edition issued since 1878, while the handbook for "Northern Germany," now issued in English for the thirteenth time, corresponds with the twenty-sixth German edition.

An admirable holiday book for boys is "The Boy Duck Hunters," by Frank E. Kellogg ("Dana Estes & Co.), with illustrations by J. W. Kennedy and reproductions of Audubon plates. It contains the story of the adventures of Dick and Thad Kingston, who, with their father, spend a season hunting ducks and other game on the Mississippi River and incidentally make practical studies in ornithology. There is a breezy out-of-door style about the book that the boys will unanimously approve.

Mrs. Sara A. Hubbard of this city has compiled a dainty yearbook, "Catch Words of Cheer" is the attractive title, and Mrs. Hubbard puts into her introduction: "If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the seed of a rich thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give." The book is a collection of the best sayings—a word, a sentence, or phrase, taken from the writings which preach the doctrine of cheerfulness in daily living. The publisher is Ralph Fowler Seymour.

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"A Shorter Course in Modern Phonography." By James E. Munson.

"Chat-Wood." By Patterson Du Bois. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

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GEORGE CARSON, IDENTIFIED AS BANK THIEF.

The picture of George Carson, one of the trio of robbers arrested in Louisville, Ky., on Saturday, has been identified by John C. Terhune, the proprietor of the Citizens' Bank of Evanston, as that of one of the men who robbed the bank of $3,500 on Sept. 10. Policeman Keefe of the Evanston police force is now on his way to Louisville, and is expected to return to Evanston tomorrow with the prisoner.

When Carson was arrested he gave the name of Robert Little, but he has been identified by Superintendent George Porteous of the International Bertillon Bureau of Identification.

Carson is best known to the police of New York City, though he was recently sentenced to the Chester (Ill.) penitentiary for implication in the robbery of the Springfield (Ill.) postoffice. He was arrested in New York in 1878 in connection with the theft of $200,000 worth of securities from the office of Joseph H. Young, 49 Nassau street. Later he was taken into custody in New York City for alleged implication in the robbery of the Middleton Bank of Connecticut. This institution was robbed of $18,500 in currency and $56,000 in bonds in July, 1880. Carson also robbed the New Albany (Ind.) postoffice in 1894.

The robbery of the Citizens' Bank of Evanston was committed during the noon hour of Sept. 10. John C. Terhune, the proprietor, was standing behind his desk alone when a man drove up in a buggy and beckoned him to come out. When Mr. Terhune reached the buggy he saw the stranger's leg was bandaged and he was told that it was in a plaster cast, this being the alleged reason for his not going into the bank. The man had a proposition for investing money, and while they were discussing it the stranger's accomplice entered the bank by a rear door and took seven $500 packages of money.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Martha.

Opera in three acts by Flotow, presented yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium by the Metropolitan English Grand Opera company.

THE CAST.

Lady Harriet	Grace Golden
Nancy	Kate Condon
Sir Tristan	Homer Lind
Plunkett	Winfred Goff
Lionel	Lloyd d'Aubigne
Sheriff	Forrest Carr

Bohemian Girl.

Opera in three acts by Balfe, presented last evening at the Auditorium by the Metropolitan English Grand Opera company.

THE CAST.

Count Arnheim	William Pauli
Thaddeus	Joseph F. Sheehan
Florestein	Harry Davies
Devilshoof	Lempriere Pringle
Arline	Zelie de Lussan
Queen of the Gypsies	Louise Meisslinger

The Metropolitan English Grand Opera company gave two performances yesterday at the Auditorium and succeeded in but deepening the favorable impression left by the presentation of "Aida" the evening before. "Martha" in the afternoon attracted but a light audience owing to Christmas day and dinner, but the performance of Flotow's familiar work which the company offered was one containing much of real excellence and but few weak points. And in the evening an audience that filled the great operahouse listened to "Bohemian Girl" sung as it has not been in Chicago since the days of long ago, when the "great ones" of the operatic world deemed Balfe's natural melodies not beneath the attention of their best skill and most finished art.

Mr. Savage brought together into one cast last night five principals and a chorus who were equal to the task set them, and the result was a performance of "Bohemian Girl" in every way admirable. And how that "old, worn out music" was enjoyed! Applause sincere, hearty, and abundant rewarded the singers and compelled repetition of nearly every one of the well known arias. It may be "poor form," "low taste," and all that, to derive enjoyment from these old melodies, but—blessed be music's name!—there are still many people who are unhampered by the charms of musical fadism and who dare to enjoy the simple and the beautiful even though these be old and familiar.

Zelie de Lussan, by her singing and acting, recalled the days when she was the bright and particular star of the Boston Ideals, before she had won recognition and success in Europe and had become a light in Manager Grau's brilliant constellations. Her methods have gained poise and authority in these years, and, although her voice has always been by nature limited in range, all that she possesses of vocal endowment she now has under complete control, and her singing in rôles which, like Arline, lie within her voice is eminently satisfying. She sang all the music last evening with admirable finish and thorough understanding, and in action and appearance was all that eye could desire.

Joseph Sheehan made a Thaddeus who was vocally attractive. His voice, if freed from the marked nasal quality which at times is unpleasantly prominent, would be one of much beauty. He sings easily, shows considerable taste and dramatic understanding, and seems destined to make for himself a desirable place among the best opera tenors of the country. He deservedly found immediate favor with his auditors last evening, and his singing of "Then You'll Remember Me" proved him worthy of the hearty approval he received.

Of William Pauli good reports had been had from the East and all expectations built thereon were more than realized last night. His voice is one of unusual richness and sympathy, finely schooled and evidently used only with intelligent care, and good realization of what constitutes artistic dramatic effects. His enunciation is a delight and lent last night the crowning excellence to a portrayal of Count Arnheim which was vocally and histrionically worthy of unqualified praise. Miss Meisslinger made a thoroughly satisfactory Queen, Mr. Pringle a Devilshoof who not only could sing but could make laughter-provoking the somewhat naïve fun-making of the rôle. The chorus, both in the evening and afternoon performances, was a source of real enjoyment, and the orchestra under Director Eckhold gave good account of itself, an occasional superabundance of power being its gravest fault.

"Martha" was given at the matinée with refreshing animation and brightness. The Lady Harriet of Miss Golden possessed much that was commendable and satisfying; Miss Condon was in voice, appearance, and action a Nancy in every way bewitching—one of the daintiest, most attractive portrayals seen here in opera in many a day; Mr. D'Aubigne acted acceptably, but a tendency to wander from the pitch robbed his singing of worth; Mr. Goff was a capital Plunkett both in voice and manner; and Mr. Lind gave Tristan in satisfactory style.

Tonight "Carmen" will be the bill and will bring the début here of Fanchon Thompson, who will assume the title rôle. The cast further includes Grace Van Studdiford, Philip Brozel, William Pauli, and Forrest Carr.

The repertory for next week was announced yesterday. It runs: Monday, "Esmeralda" (first time here); Tuesday afternoon, "Mikado"; evening, "Aida"; Wednesday, "Faust"; Thursday, "Carmen"; Friday, "Trovatore"; Saturday matinée, "Romeo and Juliet"; evening, "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci."

Early Coming for Mme. Bernhardt.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and M. Constant Coquelin will bring their company of French players to Chicago sooner than has been expected. Following a change of plan made yesterday comes the announcement that they will begin their engagement on Monday night, Jan. 21, at the Illinois Theater, opening in M. Rostand's play, "L'Aiglon." The Rogers Bros. will remain at the theater until the French company is due.

No statement concerning the prices to be charged during the engagement has been made. In New York the price of a parquet seat was $5, but there is an intimation that the same high amount may not be levied here. At any rate, the question seems certain to lead to argument in managerial circles.

It is probable the engagement will be for three weeks. The result of the changed dates will be that Richard Mansfield and Mme. Bernhardt will open within one week of each other, the American player coming to the Grand Opera-House with the Shakespearean play "Henry V." on Jan. 14. John Drew's first night in "Richard Carvel" at Powers' Theater will be the same at that of Mme. Bernhardt's.

Charles Richman's Sad Christmas.

While Charles Richman on Christmas eve and on Christmas night has been acting a blithe comedy rôle in Miss Annie Russell's play, "A Royal Family," in New York, the body of his sister, Miss Louise Richman, has been lying in funeral state at the family home, 4327 Lake avenue, in this city. Miss Richman died on Sunday, failing to rally from a surgical operation of the day previous. A message was sent her brother, and along with the actor's response came a telegram from Manager Charles Frohman explaining the reasons why he detained the player in New York. Mr. Richman is about to give up his post of leading man with Miss Russell to become the leading man of the Empire Stock company, succeeding William Faversham. Next Monday night the Empire company will produce a new play by Henry Arthur Jones, "Mrs. Dane's Defense." In consequence, he has been playing in one piece and rehearsing for another. His absence would have necessitated a postponement of the new production, so his request for leave to attend the funeral was refused.

Miss Richman's funeral will take place today.

New York Theater for Mr. La Shelle.

Kirke La Shelle, proprietor of the Marguerita Sylva Opera company, is to have a theater in New York. A report from the Eastern city to that effect was verified last night by Manager Slocum of the company. The site will be Long Acre Square, on the south side of Forty-seventh street. Mr. La Shelle, according to the report, will use the house chiefly for his own productions. An associated rumor was that the owners of the Grand Opera-House were interested in the project, but this was given denial. Mr. La Shelle will be in Chicago today, coming from Louisville, where he and Frederick Hamlin have been to witness the launching of a No. 2 "Arizona" company, their joint enterprise.

Christmas at the Theaters.

Christmas day around the theaters was a day of humdrum toil. The managerial reward, however, was a large one, for every theater was filled last night. The afternoon audiences were smaller. The building inspectors, profiting by the incidents of Thanksgiving night, concluded to make rounds of the down-town houses. They found standing room crowds everywhere, but did not discover obstructed aisles.

Sarah Bernhardt as Hamlet.

New York, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The genius and fame of Sarah Bernhardt have enabled her to make an artistic achievement with an exploit of celebrity. A New York audience saw tonight what she had done before in Paris and London as a Shakspearean tragedian to keep herself in a focus of theatrical attention. That was to enact Hamlet. Curiosity could not have failed to gather at the Garden Theater an appreciative audience. There was French pride in a compatriot and American indiscriminate acclaim of her to account for much of the enthusiasm, but the more judicial applause was positive, too, though far less abundant. Plainly, those who bestowed critical thought on the performance admired it with reservations.

The entertainment was satisfactory in most particulars. As a show of a woman famous in fact personating a man famous in fiction it was no doubt regarded by most of the purchasers as giving a full money's worth. She had been on view as a male in "L'Aiglon," but there she had represented with some illusion a delicate boy, while here she made no close approach to manhood, in looks or voice. At first sight she suggested a burlesquer fitted out to make merry with Shakspeare, not grotesquely, but in comely facetiousness.

Hundreds of glasses were instantly raised in scrutiny. Through the cruel lenses the actress' face was seen to be lined with full record of its years, but her figure in its cloak and stockings might have been no older than Hamlet's, and its outlines were not distinctly those common to her sex. It was when she spoke or moved that her lack of mannishness destroyed her disguise utterly, left her to be regarded by most of the spectators as a personal rather than a professional exhibit. But just as her greatness as an actress had many times won back the respect which her smallness in other dignity had lost, so in this exploit with Hamlet her skill atoned almost if not quite for her impertinence.

Esteemed at its best, however, this Hamlet was a travesty of the character that Shakspeare had written. In all the disputes over the Prince's state of mind or heart, and his motives for strange behavior, it remained for Miss Bernhardt to conceive him as other than a melancholy Dane. She did not make him assume an antic disposition, but depicted him as naturally possessing it. He was light-spirited and mischievous, almost malicious, and the outward sadness of his intimate mourning did not smother his inside jocularity. He cracked the heads of Rosencrans and Guildenstern together, caught an imaginary fly on Polonius' nose, belied his own assertion that all his joy of life had turned to grief, and conveyed no idea that the exuberances of conduct were feigned. But when the play in its progress arrived at momentous scenes he became duly serious, impassioned, and sanguinary. At no time did he present any metaphysical qualities. He was never more than intellectual in his range from comedy to melodrama without reaching tragedy in the higher sense of that term. But he was vivid, intense, theatric. He soliloquized in elocution too formal in the Bernhardt method to be wholly acceptable in lieu of Booth eloquence. In short, here was a player of the Latin race endeavoring to interpret a character created in the Anglo-German spirit.

The translation of "Hamlet" used was the bald, literal, and uninspired work of Eugene Morand and Marcel Schwob. There was no noteworthy departure in form from the English abridgement familiar to the United States stage. But Miss Bernhardt did not adhere to usages in this country closely in the action. Her symbols were mostly expressive, however, though neither plentiful nor ingenious enough to supersede those which generations of English actors have put into the rôle. It was by the measurement of comparison that, with all her skill, she seemed to lose some of her own stature of genius in this inappropriate achievement, clever as it was. It was not of a height with Monnet Sully's poetic and romantic performance here in a better French version a few years ago. She did not equal him in getting into the heart and brain of it. She was still further inferior to this country's latest Hamlet, Mr. Sothern, in that respect. If it is unfair to contrast a woman with men in the part, the excuse is that she put herself forward injudiciously. A true regard for her best fame should have restrained her. But she offers a diversion that is salable, and she doubtless feels that her loss is also her full compensatory gain.

Constant Coquelin played a minor but not belittling part in this French "Hamlet." As the First Gravedigger he was in his right element of broad comedy, and his first essay with that grim joker did no damage to his renown. He made a grizzled old man of him, soiled and ragged in clothes, but vivacious in his loquacity. He was not the slow and heavy jester of the rural English type, from which Shakspeare drew most of his low comedy characters.

Marie Dressler as a Star.

New York, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Noise, nonsense, and nastiness in superfluous quantities were the chief elements of the musical farce "Miss Prinnt," by George Hobart, in which Marie Dressler made her début as a star this evening at the Victoria.

Before the fall of the last curtain Oscar Hammerstein was at work on the book. As produced "Miss Prinnt" is sadly in need of elimination and revision. Of course it was received enthusiastically by a good-natured holiday crowd, in which Miss Dressler had many friends, but the applause and curtain calls did not deceive the astute.

Miss Dressler sang one song entitled "I'm Looking for an Angel," which is the broadest ditty that ever has been heard in a respectable music hall. It is without excuse.

Gas Nearly Kills Two Men.

John McCullum, 20 years old, and William Brusey, 23 years old, were found in their room at 417 Jackson boulevard yesterday nearly asphyxiated by gas. The men are employed by William Roberts, a butcher, and live at his residence. The unconscious men were revived and will recover. The gas was accidentally turned on after the light had been turned out.

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RESCUE CREW OF BARGE.

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George Dunbar Goes Ashore Because Light Was Out—Men Suffer from the Cold, Working Pumps to Prevent Boat from Sinking — Cargo Jettisoned, Enabling It to Float Until Daybreak, When It Is Hauled Into Port.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Captain Breckenfeld and a volunteer crew of life savers this morning rescued the steam barge George Dunbar off Racine reef. Captain Hudson and the crew of the steamer almost perished with the cold.

The Dunbar went on the reef last night. There was no sea rolling at the time, but the light on Pintsch Rock was out. The Dunbar was bound from Empire, Mich., to Chicago with a cargo of 300,000 feet of lumber. The harbor light was burning, as also the light at Racine Point, but Captain Hudson was taken off his course because of the reef light being out.

When the Dunbar struck the rock about 11 o'clock last night it blew the distress whistle, but was unable to attract the attention of any one on shore. The rock tore a hole in the steamer and it seemed for a time as though it would be lost. The men worked at the pumps, but in spite of all they could do the water gained on them. Finally to save the boat it was necessary to jettison the entire deck load, and 90,000 feet of hemlock was thrown overboard.

This morning the plight of the Dunbar was discovered by those on shore. The life saving crew is out of commission, but Captain Breckenfeld organized a volunteer crew. He manned the fishing tug Emma Bloucher and after two hours of hard work succeeded in releasing the Dunbar and towing it into port. The crew suffered from the cold and exposure of the night.

BIG PROFIT IN TOBACCO CROP.

Experiment with Sumatra Variety in Connecticut Proves a Success—Acre's Yield 2,100 Pounds.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Milton Whitney, Chief of Division of Soils in the Department of Agriculture, reports a successful termination of experiments conducted in cooperation with the Connecticut experiment station in the production of Sumatra tobacco near Hartford.

One-third of an acre was planted under a cheese-cloth shade, nine feet high, and cultivated and fermented under the direction of M. L. Floyd, tobacco expert of the department. The yield of cured tobacco was 700 pounds, making an estimated yield for one acre of 2,100 pounds. This lost about 10 per cent in the fermentation.

The crop has just been sold for $473.70, making an estimated value for one acre of $1,421. The cost of production, including the whole cost of the shade—the frame for which will last five years—will not exceed $500 per acre, leaving a net profit of over $900 per acre.

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SONG FESTIVAL AT OTTUMWA.

Eisteddfod Association of Iowa Holds Its Annual Meeting and Contests —Prizes Awarded.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The Eisteddfod Association of Iowa held its annual meeting in Ottumwa today. The three sessions, one in the morning, one in the afternoon, and one in the evening, were held at the Grand Opera-House.

Special trains on the Burlington and Milwaukee railroads brought large delegations to the city early this morning, and the operahouse was packed at each session. Hiteman sent a delegation of 250, and the second largest, 200, came from Williamsburg. All the contests on the program were carried out with the exception of the band contest. W. E. Powell of Milwaukee was conductor of the day and Professor D. Prothero, also of Milwaukee, was the adjudicator of the music.

Considerable rivalry was manifested, especially between the contestants from Hiteman and Williamsburg. The large chorus from the latter place was awarded the prize at the morning session, and the other honors were distributed about evenly.

The Eisteddfod Association of Iowa was incorporated as an association last January, although it has been in existence for the last twelve years. Mayor T. J. Phillips of this city is President of the State association. Although this is the first time the State meeting has been held in Ottumwa, it practically has been determined to hold all future meetings, or at least the meeting of the coming year, here. The annual business meeting of the association will be held some time the first part of next month, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year and the place for holding the 1901 meeting determined upon.

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MINT SAUCE'S HANDICAP.

WINS CHRISTMAS FEATURE RACE AT CRESCENT CITY PARK.

McJoynt Demonstrates That the Horse Can Be Placed in First Part of Race and Then Win Out—Isen Takes the Steeplechase—"Tod" Sloan Loses on His First Mount, Vesuvian, at Tanforan, Finishing Second to an Outsider.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—The holiday and summer weather brought the biggest crowd to the races today that the Crescent City Jockey club has entertained this season.

The main attraction was the Christmas handicap at a mile. In this Mint Sauce picked up seven pounds over what he carried in the Crescent City Handicap last Saturday and won. He was backed heavily at even money, but his price would have been longer had it been known that Jockey McJoynt would place him in the first part of the race instead of letting him go to the front.

Placing has heretofore been regarded as the surest way to beat Mint Sauce. At times when Jockey McCheil has tried to rate along with him and bring him from behind he has performed disappointingly. Today he came from behind after accommodating himself to a conservative pace for the first three-quarters and then, coming away, won like a good racehorse. His impost of 120 pounds did not bother him in the least. He ran as well under it as he had run with 118 pounds last Saturday, and displayed a quality which race-goers did not know he possessed. Sir Florian, with 106 pounds up, was the second choice, and fell naturally into the place after laying away in the first part of it. Tom Kingsley tried to make a runaway race of it, but he could not last, and the 2-year-old Fleetwing beat out the Arthur pair, Andes and Moroni.

Isen, who is undoubtedly the best steeplechaser hereabouts, won her third consecutive race over the jumps with additional weight up. Today's race was a handicap over the full course, the first at that distance during the meeting. There were five starters and they all finished. Isen was a natural favorite, and won after a hard struggle with Donation. She could have won by several lengths had Lawless got going with her earlier, but, having waited on Donation almost to the final furlong, she had to do her best to win by a neck.

There were two other handicaps on the card besides the stake and the steeplechase. The one for 2-year-olds at six furlongs had twelve starters. Among them was the Eastern colt, Cherries, which carried top weight. Senator Beveridge ruled favorite on account of his good work after a hard struggle with Isobel. Gallopin had the speed of the party for the first five furlongs, but tired near the end and finished third.

The remaining handicap was at a mile and a furlong, and Sir Gatlan won it easily. Alaho II. was made favorite at 8 to 5, but pulled up stiff and sore after running second for six furlongs, and Strangest got the place, ridden out.

The balance of the program consisted of two selling races at a mile, both of them opening and the other closing the program. Jessie Jarbo was the best backed in the first, but finished beaten off. Aten (Gilmore), Bay Dave, and Brown Vails, comparative outsiders, fought it out and finished in that order head apart.

Handcuff and favorite and Ida Ledford a popular second choice in the other mile race, but they finished at the tail of the bunch. Hood's Birlando, who was backed liberally by 4 to 1, made the running, but was nosed out on the post by the 15 to 1 shot, Ben Chance.

James Ransom's 2-year-old colt, A. McKnight, had his neck broken in collision with another horse while exercising this morning.

New Orleans Summaries Dec. 25.

Weather clear; track fast.

First race, 1 mile selling:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
5-1	Tom Finley, 107 (Bergen)	7	7	7	7	1
1-2	Bert Davis, 101 (May)	11	10	8	5	2
15-1	Brown Vail, 101 (C. Ly)	6	8	4	3	3
Time, 1:42¾. Also ran: Jessie Jarbo, 107; Grey Forge, 94; Inuendo, 101; Miss Loretta, 93; Jessie Jarbone, 107; Frye Hand, 103; L. W., 106; Divertisement, 96; finished as named. Winner, b. f., by Ramapo—Sweet Polly. At post, 20 minutes. Start good. Won all out. Tom Gilmore got his nose in front in the final stride. Sallie, Grey Forge, and Inuendo quit in the last eighth.						

Second race, ¾ mile, 2-year-olds, handicap:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
3-1	Sen. Beveridge, 104 (C'an)	5	5½	3½	3	1
4-1	Jockinine, 102 (May)	1	2½	2½	2½	2
3-1	Adolph, 100 (Blade)	4	4	5	1½	3

Time, 1:16¾. Shut Up, 98 pounds; Boomerack, 100; Cogswell, 102; Divonne, 103; Cherries, 112; Alec Foree, 102; Forte, 110; Lou Rey, 110; finished as named. Ramsburg, 93, bled. Winner, b. c., by Silverado—Sallie Jones. Had good. Won in a drive. Senator Beveridge finished strongly, but he had to do his best. Isobel would have won in a few more strides.

Third race, full course, handicap, steeplechase:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
1-2	Isen, 142 (Lawless)	1	1	1	1	1
15-1	Donation, 142 (Pines)	5	4½	3½	2½	2½
6-1	T. Ranger, 140 (W. Wa'k)	3	3½	2½	3½	3

Time, 6:24. Jack Hare, 140 pounds; Clarcha, 133, finished as named. Winner, b. m., by Ludwig—Vage. Start good. Won driving hard. Lawless on seen lasted too long. Clarcha stopped almost to a walk.

Fourth race, 1 mile, all ages, the Christmas Handicap, value $600:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
9-10	Mint Sauce, 125 (McC'l)	1	2½	2½	2½	1
3-1	Sir Florian, 106½ (Mitch'l)	2	1½	1½	1½	2½
50-1	Fleetwing, 87 (Wilk'son)	6	6½	6½	5½	3

Time, 1:42¾. Andes, 101 pounds; Moroni, 106; Tom Kingsley, 107; Evil Rice, 105, finished as named. Winner, br. g., by Minting—Jennie B. Start good, easily. Mint Sauce came away without urging in the last eighth. McJoynt rode a waiting race on him. Sir Florian took the long route.

Fifth race, 1¼ miles, handicap:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
4-1	Strangest, 104 (Cochran)	6	5½	3½	2½	1
15-1	Hardly, 90 (Cogswell)	1	1½	1½	1½	2
4-1	Alaho II., 98 (Burlington)	5	4½	5½	3½	3

Time, 2:12¾. Woodrice, 94 pounds; Aloha II., 95; Candleblack, 104, finished as named. Winner, ch. g., by Victory—Hegira. Start good. Won easily. Sir Florian made a run from the field in the last quarter. Woodrice has a rough journey. Aloha II. was used up in following Hardly.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
16-1	Ben Chester, 107 (O'Brien)	8	8	8	8	1
4-1	Brigade, 99 (A. W'z)	1	1½	1½	2½	2
50-1	Uncle Bill, 101 (Wilk'son)	2	5½	3½	3½	3

Time, 1:41¾. Julian Rose, 104 pounds; Dramburg, 99; Star Cotton, 92; Handcuff, 108; Ida Ledford, 100, finished as named. Winner, ch. c., by Chanceford—Star Shot. Won in a hot drive. Lillian Reed closed fast in the last quarter and would have been third in another stride. Handcuff was badly ridden and lost ground wherever possible.

New Orleans Entries.

First race, 1 mile—Jerry Lee, 105 pounds; L. W., 105; Gray Dog, 103; Zanetto, 102; Bright Night, 102; Jessie Jarboe, 101; La Princessa, 99; Eugenie B., 99; Crystalline, 99; Jim Conway, 99; Defender II., 99; Waterhouse, 99.

Second race, 1 mile, 2-year-olds—Animosity, 107 pounds; Hindalaine, 106; Valdez, 103; Circumvent, 103; Sempire, 103; Salvalera, 103; Porter B., 101; Egyptian Prince, 101; Kohnwreath, 99; Belle of Elgin, 97; Varna, 97.

Third race, 1¼ miles—Monkman, 118 pounds; Admetus, 108; Beana, 102; Spurs, 100; Governor Boyd, 95; Sir Gatlan, 95; Major Handy, 95.

Fourth race, ⅝ mile, all ages, handicap—Georgia, 111 pounds; Sakatuck, 109; Bertha Nell, 105; Goelet, 104; Ben Brush, 104; Melkarthy, 101; Duckoy, 101; Jack Willis, 97; Choice, 91; W. J. Debon, 91; Diana Fonso, 90; Johnny McCarty, 89; Gallopin, 89.

Fifth race, 1 mile and 50 yards, steeplechase—McGrathiana Prince, 107 pounds; Pleuron, 104; Miss Hanover, 101; Ida Ledford, 101; Sockem, 98; Depoman, 98; Belle Simpson, 98.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—Tom Cromwell, 110 pounds; Pacemaker, 108; Tragedy, 107; Heroica, 107; Inuendo, 101; Tom Bitholin, 101; Factory Boy, 101; Judge Magee, 103; Phidias, 105; W. B. Gates, 103; Colonel Cassidy, 103; Henry of Trastamare, 99.

SLOAN DISAPPOINTS THE TALENT.

His First Mount at Tanforan Is Beaten by an Outsider.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—An idol fell today when Tod Sloan failed to win the Christmas Handicap on Vesuvian at Tanforan. It was Sloan's first appearance in the silken jacket since his fall from grace in England.

Clem Jenkins, the California jockey, who arrived last week after a successful campaign in Europe, rode the winner, Eddie Jones, in clever style, and rated to perfection. He waited for the stretch by going at the pace at precisely the proper moment.

A balmy day attracted 12,000 persons. Betting on the big race was fast, and a ton of golden pieces seemed to flow into the strong boxes. Vesuvian and Andrias were coupled at 2 to 1. Advance Guard, Greyfield, and Scales each had a formidable following.

When the barrier rose Greyfield, always the second choice, was practically left. The others, off to a good start, came close together by the stand. Andrias made the pace under her stable companion, which Sloan had under wraps well back in the bunch. On the stretch turn Sloan suddenly got busy and began to run. Eddie Jones moved up at the same time and had a commanding lead at the eighth pole, but Jenkins soon began handing him bat and gaff as Sloan drew nearer. The son of Morello, in receipt of so much weight from the Jennings' 3-year-old, won all out with three lengths to spare. Vesuvian beat The Lady by a neck for place, Bergen floundering around out of his class in such company, or his mount might have won.

But for a bad start Owensboro would have delivered the goods in the first race. Dr. Bernays, a strong favorite, won by half a length. Owensboro, after running twenty pounds to the best race, beat Edgardo four lengths for the place.

Lomo, favorite in the first hurdle handicap of Tanforan history, won easily. Lord Chesterfield was second and Mestor third. Texarkana fell while leading. Worthington was not hurt. The judges sustained Murphy's effort on Chesterfield, and his case is being investigated. Canmore, played at odds on, failed to beat Brutal in the fifth race. The former won galloping, while Canmore was as easily second from Selde. Tuthill and Wooster Boy carried the money in the last race, but Gold Or beat the bunch under a good ride from Coburn. Wooster Boy was second and Dungerous Maid third.

A liberal subscription has been raised among the horsemen to assist Comedy, family of Nick Hall. Bookmakers Graves and Riley arrived today from Chicago.

Tanforan Summaries Dec. 25.

Weather clear; track good.

First race, 1 mile, selling:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
5-1	Dr. Bernays, 108 (Dom'k)	5	4½	4½	3½	1
4-1	Owensboro, 103 (Coburn)	1	1½	1½	1½	2
6-1	Edgardo, 102 (Mounce)	4	3½	3½	2½	3

Time, 1:43. Socialist, 108 pounds; Grand Sachem, 105; Alee, 103; Osmond, 100, finished as named. Winner, ch. g., by Sir Dixon—Wishaden. Start good. Won in a drive. Dr. Bernays was laid closer up than usual to the head of the homestretch, and was under whip and spur from there to the end.

Second race, ⅝ mile, 2-year-olds, maidens:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
6-2	Fr. Titania, 106 (Farrell)	3	2½	1½	1½	1
8-2	Tola, 105 (Dominick)	4	2½	1½	2½	2½
40-1	Litmus, 105 (Enos)	1	3½	2½	3½	3

Time, 1:02. Infra, 100 pounds; Slap Dash, 109; Luca, 105; Katherine Ennis, 100; Lucera, 105; Sham, 105; Darlene, 105, finished as named. Winner, br. f., by Masetto—Queen Titania. Start poor. Won easily. Princess Titania could have won further off. Litmus made a remarkable run through the last three furlongs.

Third race, about 2¼ miles, handicap, steeplechase:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	m.	¼	Str.	Fin.
8-5	Lomo, 153 (Cairns)	1	2½	2½	2½	2½
2-1	Ld Chesterfield, 136 (T. M'p)	2	2½	2½	2½	2½
7-2	Nestor, 128 (Cooper)	3	4½	4½	3½	3

Time, 4:21¾. Silverado, 135 pounds, also ran. Texarkana, 126, fell. Winner, ch. g., by Red Iron—Lilly W. Start good. Won easily. Lomo was well handled and won without trouble. Lord Chesterfield, as usual, wanted to run out badly.

Fourth race, 1¼ miles, the Christmas Handicap, $2,000 added:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
7-1	Ed Jones, 110 (Jenkins)	10	8½	4½	1½	1
2-1	Vesurius, 118 (Bergen)	6	6½	5½	2½	2
20-1	The Lady, 111 (Bergen)	6	4½	3½	3½	3

Time, 2:07. Advance Guard, 118 pounds; Scales, 103; Malay, 104; The Prefect, 105; Andrias, 110; Vinciton, 112; Mortgage, 90; Greenock, 105; Greyfield, 113, finished as named. Winner, b. h., by Morello—Early Rose. Start good, except Greyfield. Won handily. Eddie Jones was in good position all the way. Vesuvian was taken back to the paddock and made his run in the last three furlongs. He gained steadily until the final sixteenth, then tired.

Fifth race, ⅞ mile, 2-year-olds, the Westchester Handicap, $750 added:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
4-1	Brutal, 102 (O'Connor)	3	5	5	1½	1½
9-10	Canmore, 114 (Mounce)	4	4½	4½	2½	2½
5-1	Selde, 99 (Coburn)	1	2½	2½	3½	3½

Time, 1:28. Cougar, 97 pounds; Bernato, 85, finished as named. Winner, ch. g., by Brutus—Forma. Start good except for Bernato. Won easily. Canmore received poor handling.

Sixth race, ¾ mile, purse $500, 2-year-olds:

Bet.	Horse, weight, jockey.	St.	¼	½	Str.	Fin.
9-2	Gold Or, 104 (Coburn)	2	2½	2½	1½	1
3-1	Wooster Boy, 108 (Bull'n)	3	1½	1½	2½	2
6-1	Dangerous M'd, 96 (M'ce)	4	3½	3½	3½	3

Time, 1:17¾. Tuthill, 102 pounds; Montanic, 107; Bathos, 112, finished as named. Winner, ch. c., by Golden Garter—Hail S. Start poor. Won easily. Gold Or came away fast in the last sixteenth. Tuthill got away badly.

Tanforan Park Entries.

First race, ⅞ mile—Carter H. Harrison Jr., 104 pounds; Maud Ferguson, 104; Alleviate, 104; Montalladie, 104; Felicity, 104; Amelia Ponso, 104; Novia, 104; Jingis Jingle, 104; Espirando, 104; Simon D., 104; Genua, 104; Merry Boy, 104.

Second race, 1 mile—Socialist, 119 pounds; Lothian, 110; Lou Rey, 107; Lost Girl, 104; Pupil, 104; Imperious, 104; Melkarthy, 104; Duckoy, 101; Alas, 101; Grill, 99; Mary Kissella, 99; Jolly Briton, 91.

Third race, 7/8 furlongs, maidens—Eight Dollars, 112 pounds; Lizsella, 109; Artilla, 104; Sam Howard, 104; Caneje, 104; Jim McGowan, 104; MacGyle, 104; Nemesis, 104; Gold Finch, 104; Lady Maud, 104; Sweet Voice, 104; William P., 104.

Fourth race, 1 mile, selling—St. Wood, 108 pounds; Bell Punch, 106; Floride, 105; Sybaris, 105; Mitten, 100; Billy Moore, 100; Kickumbob, 96; Coming Event, 96.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs, 2-year-olds—Tosh, 115 pounds; David S., 115; Bab, 115; Oscar Tolle, 115; Arggregor, 115; Eonic, 115; Courtier, 112; Bob Palmer, 112; Rattazar, 112; Instasto, 100; Darlene, 100; Follow Me, 100.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Uarda, 107 pounds; Hohenisbe, 107; Astor, 104; Opportune, 104; Pleuralene, 101; Perseus, 99; Faunette, 99; Don Luis, 99; Glissando, 98; Wallenstein, 96; Lamachus, 93; Isaline, 91.

POLO PONIES FOR ONWENTSIA CLUB.

Bruce Kirkham Brings Large Consignment from Idaho for Next Season.

Bruce M. Kirkman of the Onwentsia Country club has returned from Idaho with thirty green ponies for next summer's polo season. Mr. Kirkman made his headquarters at Fort Casper during his month's absence from the ranges around there selected the ponies he brought back. Most of them bear the "bar—M" brand and are by a Morgan horse out of broncho mares. In color they are chestnuts, blacks, and bays. They were picked from a large number of broncbos and, of course, were selected for their points as polo ponies.

After spending several days rounding up broncbos and picking out the ones he thought the most desirable Mr. Kirkman arranged for shipment to Chicago and engaged a cowboy to accompany him to "bust" the ponies, in which pursuit the rough rider is now earning his money out at Lake Forest under the watchful eyes of Gus Malmquist, head groom of the Onwentsia club. Mr. Kirkman says none of the ponies ever had so much as a halter on before, so the cowboy probably is having a pretty lively time of it. At present only ten of the ponies are at Lake Forest, twenty being corralled near Evanston, where the Kirkmans live.

Whether any of the ponies will be played at Onwentsia next summer is not certain. J. M. Kirkman, last season's Captain of the Onwentsia first team, says if all of them turn out well the surplus, after local requirements have been supplied, will be shipped East for sale to polo players there.

Recently the Onwentsia polo team had a flattering offer to spend the winter in California, playing matches with the many teams out there. An offer was made by the Burlingame club to provide transportation to California and return for the Onwentsia team and ponies and inviting them to stay there as long as they might feel inclined. As most of the Onwentsia team are identified with business enterprises which demand attention at this time of the year it was impossible to accept this generous and hospitable offer, more especially as anticipating an unusually active season next summer.

The team's plans include a good tournament at Lake Forest at the end of June or beginning of July, to which the Buffalo and St. Louis teams are sure to come, with a chance of George Gould bringing his Lakewood team, and two trips away from home, one to the St. Louis and Buffalo tournaments.

Harry Townsend Davis and "Bob" Root, two members of the Buffalo Polo club, were here recently to secure the Onwentsia team's attendance at the Buffalo tournament during the Pan-American exposition, but it is hoped to draw teams from the East and the West. Probably the challenge cup for the championship, which fact alone would make it one of the features of the polo season of 1901.

The visitors said the Secretary of their club had written to H. L. Herbert, Secretary of the American Polo Association, asking for the use of the Buffalo tournament, and, as Buffalo has not had them before, the request stood a good chance of being granted. The fact that the polo game at Buffalo would bring the game to the notice of thousands who had never witnessed it, as the tournament would be held in the public park, is said to be a point in favor of the Buffalo tournament.

The championship cups never have been played for in the West, and there has been some talk of securing them for Onwentsia during the coming summer, but if the Buffalo club can secure them the local players will be satisfied to wait until the following year. Whichever way it goes, polo prospects in Chicago are brighter than at the end of any previous year.

WILLIE SMITH OUTPLAYS BELL.

Wins Golf Match at Hot Springs Four Up and Three to Play.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Willie Smith, ex-open champion, beat David Bell, resident American champion, 4 up and 3 to play, on the local course today. Smith played a brilliant game and was entitled to the match. Smith won the first hole 4 to 5, Bell duffing his approach. Bell won the second, 3 to 4, by a good putt. The third was won by Smith in a good 4 to 5. Bell won the next by holing two long putts. The next was halved, but Smith won the next three straight, finishing with two brilliant threes.

At the start of the second nine holes Smith won the first, making him 3 up with 8 to play. Bell won the next two, making the match 1 up with 6 to play. Smith, however, finished the game by taking the next three holes.

Smith drove beautifully and played in his best form, some of the holes being exceptionally fine. Bell was somewhat erratic in driving and was not in his usual form.

The scores:

Smith	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	5	3	37
In	4	5	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	76
Bell—Out	5	5	5	4	5	6	3	5	5	78
In	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	4	81

PLANS FOR HOCKEY AND CURLING.

Wanderers to Have Rinks for Both Branches of Winter Sport.

Work on the new curling shed of the Wanderers Cricket club had not progressed sufficiently to permit of play yesterday and at the present rate it will be two weeks before any indoor play can be had. The contractors are just beginning on the roof and hope to get it finished before any large amount of snow falls. The club has banked the dirt tennis courts and last week the inclosure was flooded, but the soft spell of weather soon caused the ice to disappear. When covered with ice the inclosure will make an ideal space for hockey and the hockey members of the club are looking forward to getting some practice. It is the intention of the club to arrange matches with any teams in the city that will play.

The sport is flourishing in the East, while even St. Louis and Pittsburg can boast of good teams. The new skating inclosure of the Winter club is about large enough for hockey, and a few exhibition matches there would undoubtedly lead to the adoption of the game by the junior members of the organization.

The rink of the Winter club will be flooded this week, and if the weather continues cold the roar of the stones will be heard on Lincoln Park boulevard before the close of the century.

RUHLIN HAS A NEW FANGLED PUNCH.

Billy Madden Says Gus Will Knock Out Champion Jeffries.

New York, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Billy Madden, trainer and manager of Gus Ruhlin, differs decidedly from the experts who think Jeffries will win the championship battle in Cincinnati on Feb. 15. He has great faith in the new "scissors" punch he is teaching Gus to deliver and with which he expects to make the champion double up like a jackknife. In a letter Madden says:

"It is argued that Jeffries has made great improvement since they met in California. Granted that he has improved, so has Ruhlin. He has fought twice as many men as Jeff and he and I are studying at present a method to improve his hitting powers. When I have finished with Ruhlin he will not only be able to outpoint 'Jeff' in twenty rounds—but will knock him out before the limit is reached."

Rough Rollers Defeat Austins.

Kinsley's Rough Rollers won two games out of three from the Austins in the Commercial league last night on Kinsley's alleys. The score:

Austins.	1.	2.	3.	Kinsley's.	1.	2.	3.
Schurtsius	151	162	190	Thompson	162	175	196
Johns	182	190	128	Rider	203	179	158
Loundaby	128	151	121	Jones	143	177	124
Breitenb'h	190	193	161	Powers	163	162	189
Shepard	174	177	186	Blake	134	173	162
Totals	831	872	756	Totals	847	886	854

Important Change of Time.

Effective Sunday, Dec. 30, the Wabash Continental Limited will leave Chicago at 11 a. m. instead of 12 noon, and arrive New York and Boston same time as at present.

STILL KING OF SPEEDWAY.

HONTAS CROOKE MAKES ALMOST A CLEAN SWEEP OF IT.

Chicago Horse Wins Every Brush but One in Christmas Day Speeding on New York's Famous Driveway — Is Beaten by Teto on Account of a Bad Break—Moth Miller and Sphinx S. Among the Victims — Franker Gets His Share of Victories.

New York, Dec. 25.—[Special.]—To Hontas Crooke, the fast pacing gelding owned and driven by C. K. G. Billings of Chicago, still belongs the title of king of the speedway. He won every brush but one on the famous driveway this morning, and this he lost by making a bad break. Even the fleet-footed roan pacing gelding, Moth Miller, the one who swept the speedway clean last Sunday, could not capture a scalp from Hontas.

Fully 10,000 spectators were out to watch the sport, the day being an ideal one for racing. Hontas Cropke's first race was with Jack, the former speedway champion. He was driven by Dr. H. D. Gill, but not to victory. After a most exciting race Hontas Crooke won.

"Let's try it again," said the doctor. "As often as you please," replied the Chicago horseman.

The pacers were jogged back to Dickman street, the starting point. They got away together and came down the road at a lively clip. When they neared the quarter mile post Jack lost his stride, which caused him to lose the second heat, but only by a small margin.

The race of the morning was between Hontas Crooke and Moth Miller, the two fastest pacers on the speedway. These two horses have long been matched against each other, and today they had it out. The two got away beautifully and swept everything before them on the road. This was a horse race from start to finish, and certainly would have meant defeat for Hontas Crooke had not the doctor's horse broken as he neared the finishing post. It was only by a short head that Moth Miller was beaten.

Down they came again. This time they had another aspirant for honors with them. He was George Spear, driving Sphinx S. Hontas Crooke also won this, with Sphinx S. a good second.

"I'll go you alone this time," said George Spear, "and, what's more, I think my horse can beat Hontas." At the close of this brush Mr. Spear thought different, the Billings horse winning by several lengths.

In the next brush was where Hontas Crooke made the bad break and lost his only race of the day. It was a three-cornered affair. The other two horses were Teto, driven by Dave Lamar, and Moth Miller. Teto won.

Only one brush was won by Moth Miller, but it was a good one. He defeated Jack, driven by Dr. Gill. Jack had the best of the start, but the road pacer gained the lead and held it to the finish, winning by a good length.

Franker, another one of Mr. Billings' horses, also came in for his share of victories. Frank Gibbons, his driver, drove him. He had three good heats with Fairview and won two.

Summaries of the other events:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Barnard	2	2	4	5	6	7	6	7
Kohl	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	
Nusley	4	4	5	3	3	3	3	
T. Eaton	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
Dr. Meek	6	6	1	2	2	2	2	2
Palmer	7	7	6	6	5	5	5	3
C. Wolff	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	4
Dorman	1	1	8	8	8	6	8	5
Thomas	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	6
E. Eaton	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	8
Jones	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9
Morris	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	10
Hicks	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	11
B. Worden	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	12
C. Worden	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	13
Bradley	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	14
Tollary	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	15
Gardner	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	16
McGowan	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	17
Keck	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	18
McHie	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	19
F. McHie	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	20
Powers	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	21

The scores in the opening event: Barnard, 8; Kohl, 2; Nusley, 5; T. Eaton, 6; Palmer, 5; J. Hess, 5; J. Wolff, 5; C. Wolff, 6.

MORE BASEBALL FOR MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Tom Farley, who managed a State baseball league in some of the minor cities of the State last season, proposes to start a new State league, which will include cities of Oshkosh, Green Bay, Appleton, Menasha, Fond du Lac, and two clubs in this city. It is proposed to arrange the schedule so that in this city there will be games only Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Farley is convinced that it will furnish a good field for games with the best amateur teams of Chicago.

Centrals, 16; West Side, 13.

The Central Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated the West Side Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 16 to 13 yesterday. It was a fast game of fifteen-minute halves in which the fine team work of the Centrals counted more than the good individual work of the West-Siders. The best work was done by Captain Waldman of the Centrals. He threw four goals in the second half. Berggren threw three. The Centrals are desirous of securing games with local basketball teams. Communications may be addressed to Manager Waldman at the Central Y. M. C. A.

The lineup in yesterday's game was as follows:

Centrals.	West Sides.
Waldman	R. F. Bach
Berggren	L. F. Whitney
Jackson	C. Fugner
Williams	R. G. French
Jeckson	L. G. Bancgard

Score—Centrals, 16; West Side, 13. Umpire—George Lorentzen. Referee—George Sim. Time of halves—15.

SHOOT FOR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.

Live-Bird Matches at Watson's Park and Garfield Gun Club.

In the Christmas handicap event at Watson's Park George Roll of Blue Island made the only straight score and a consecutive run of twenty-one straight kills, which won the bulk of the money and saved him his bird money. The wind blew strong and the birds were fast flyers, a number of them going over the boundary line before stopping. The contest was at fifteen live pigeons, with a handicap of distance rise.

The score:

	Yards.	Kills.
Gordon	30	5
Roll	30	15
Gillis	28	14
Day	28	13
Lockard	28	8
Webber	28	14
Elias	28	13
Peters	29	9

The final contest was a six birds sweepstakes at thirty yards rise. The scores:

Gillis, 6; Day, 5; Andrews, 5; Franklin, 5; Roll, 6; O'Brien, 4; Ray, 6; McCord, 1; Fears, 4.

The Garfield Gun club held its Christmas live-bird shoot on the club grounds at West Monroe street and Fifty-second avenue. Aside from the sweepstake moneys a turkey was given to the winner in each event. C. Wolff won in the first event; E. O. Barnard in the second, C. Nusley in the third, T. Eaton in the fourth, Dr. E. Hicks in the fifth, Tollary in the sixth, McGowan in the seventh, and Dr. Meek in the final contest. The first event was at six live birds at thirty yards, and all others were at five birds.

The scores in the opening event: Barnard, 5; Kohl, 2; Nusley, 5; T. Eaton, 6; Palmer, 5; J. Hess, 5; J. Wolff, 5; C. Wolff, 6.

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CONNIE MACK TALKS ON BASEBALL.

American League Will Make No Move Toward a Compromise.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—[Special.]—Connie Mack, the well-known baseball manager, spent Christmas at his home in North Brookfield, Mass., and will return tomorrow to Philadelphia to perfect plans for his club there for next season.

Judging from the enthusiasm with which he discussed the matter he has every confidence that the American league will be a big success from the start in its effort to assume as important a place in the baseball world as the National league. Mack said the rumor which was afloat to the effect that he was to take the Milwaukee team to Philadelphia was incorrect, for as far as he knew every man in the league circuit at the end of 1901 will be retained by the National league would be there next season.

Philadelphia this year would have a new team, and, although many of the best players were already corralled, there were some good ones left, and with a little assistance from the other teams in the American league and a little purchase money, he thought he could get a team together that would do credit to the city. He has not signed any players as yet, and is not in a hurry to do so.

Speaking of a possible war between the National and American leagues in the sense that they would antagonize one another and sign players from one league to the other indiscriminately, Mack said:

"It is almost impossible to tell as yet just what the outcome of the existing conditions will be. The American league is in as good a shape, and, in fact, better position, to put up a fight than is the National league. The National league is rich enough, as it must owe in the neighborhood of $200,000, and it doesn't care to carry on a war and add more to its burdens. At least, that is the general idea. The American league will retain all rights in every way possible, but as to the signing of players from the National league, that is a question which is yet to be settled.

"The American league will make no move to bring about a compromise. It has been treated too shabbily by the National league for that, and there are any overtures relative to an understanding if it must come from the National league. It is possible, of course, if the National league continues in the attitude it has assumed, the American league may wade in and sign players right and left, which, of course, it has a perfect right to do, but Mr. Johnson has not as yet decided upon the point

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Gorgeous wrap in choicest Sealskin, with bands and top collar of natural Hudson Bay sable, style Murat, reduced from $650 to $325.

Superb carriage long Coat, in choicest Persian Jungmann Paris model, with collar, flowing sleeves and border of pointed, smoked fox, reduced from $450 to $225.

Long wrap in dark mink, Grunwaldt model, style Ferval, showing new method of working mink, reduced from $600 to $300.

Fur Repairing

We are particularly well prepared at just this time to do every sort of fur work for very low prices.

The Christmas hurry is over and most careful attention can be given to every little detail in making or preparing fine fur garments. Our present force is so large that we can accept all orders and promise immediate delivery. In order to keep as many of our people employed as is possible we will make liberal concessions from usual prices.

MARSHALL FIELD & Co.

Only 5 More Days

Of the Reduced Price Sale on

Men's and Youths' Clothing,

Including every garment in our Main and Basement Departments, of Men's and Youths' Fashionable Winter Clothing excepting staple blue and black suits.

The regular price tickets are not changed, but sales are made from the following schedule of reductions:

Men's Business Suits.

$20 Suits at $15. $28 Suits at $20. $35 Suits at $25.

Men's Overcoats.

$20 Overcoats at $15. $28 Overcoats at $20.
$30 Overcoats at $25. $38 Overcoats at $30.
$45 Overcoats at $35. $50 Overcoats at $38.

Youths' Clothing.

$15 Suits and Overcoats at $12.
$20 Suits and Overcoats at $15.
$25 Suits and Overcoats at $18.

Trousers for Men and Youths.

$6.50 Trousers at $5. $9 Trousers at $6.
$12 Trousers at $8.

In the Basement Department.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.

$10 Suits and Overcoats at $8.
$14 Suits and Overcoats at $10.
$18 Suits and Overcoats at $12.

Men's and Youths' Trousers.

$4.50 Trousers, $3.50 $5 Trousers, $4.

Special Basement Item.

Extra sizes in Men's Overcoats, 42 to 46 in., $18 and $20 values, reduced to $12.

Youths' Suits & Overcoats.

$8.00 Suits and Overcoats at $6.50.
$12.00 Suits and Overcoats at $8.00.

CHAS. A. STEVENS & BROS.

"The Silk Store," 111 to 115 State Street.

Tremendous Reductions

Before stock taking, which occurs the last of this week. We shall close out many beautiful coats and wraps at prices that would not pay for materials.

Handsome 26-inch box coats with the new half form fitting backs, with storm collars and coat shapes, all taken from our $12.50 and $15.00 lines. To reduce the stock for inventory, choice at $8.75

In tan, castor, red, black and Oxford shades, satin lined.

Fashionable 42-inch automobile coats, many in the lot worth as high as $22.50, special at $12.75

Automobile coats, 42 inches long, grand collection, in light tan, castor, black and red shades and Oxfords, with storm and coat shape collars, special at $18.75

About sixty handsome tan 26-inch walking coats that were priced from $22.50 to $35.00, choice at $15.00

Furs—All our handsome fur novelties will be offered at less than half December prices. The fact that the cold winter weather is yet to come will not prevent our making the usual discounts.

FURS Remodeling and Repairing. EVERYTHING DESIRABLE. PRICES RIGHT. SEND FOR CATALOGUE. A. BISHOP & CO. 180 STATE STREET.

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9.00 AM BADGER STATE EX. Beloit, Janesville, Madison, La Crosse, Winona, Minnesota, Dakota, St. Paul, Minneapolis.
9.00 AM GREEN BAY EXPRESS. Fox River points, Green Bay.
10.00 AM COLORADO SPECIAL. One night to Denver. Fast time to Portland. Daylight Omaha, Rock Island, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines.
11.30 AM WISCONSIN MAIL. Fox River points, Green Lake, Green Bay.
3.00 PM WISCONSIN SPECIAL. Fox River points, Green Bay, Marinette, Menominee.
5.00 PM ASHLAND LIMITED. Fox River points, Ashland, Northern Wisconsin.
5.30 PM IOWA EX. Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Omaha.
6.30 PM NORTH-WESTERN LIMITED. Madison, Eau Claire, St. Paul, Minneapolis
6.30 PM OVERLAND LIMITED. California in Three Days. All points on Union Pacific, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles.
7.30 PM IOWA AND DAKOTA EX. Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Mason City, Northern Iowa and South Dakota.
8.00 PM PENINSULA EXPRESS. Fox River points, Green Bay, Ishpeming, Marquette, Copper Country.
10.00 PM DULUTH AND ST. PAUL FAST MAIL. Janesville, Madison, Eau Claire, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth.
10.15 PM NIGHT EXPRESS. Janesville, Madison, Eau Claire, Winona, LaCrosse, Dakotas, St. Paul, Minneapolis.
10.30 PM PACIFIC EX. Davenport, Mason City, Omaha, Black Hills, Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland.
10.30 PM IRON RANGE EXPRESS. Fox River points, Green Lake, Green Bay, Menominee, Iron Mountain, Florence, Hurley, Crystal Falls.

MILWAUKEE EXPRESS TRAINS. 9.00 a. m., 1.00 p.m., 9.00 a. m., 11.30 a. m., 2.00 p. m., 6.00 p. m., 6.00 p. m., 8.00 p. m., 10.30 p. m.

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MARSHALL FIELD & Co.

The Days Following Christmas,

(and incidentally just preceding our semi-annual inventory occurring Dec. 31)

are the veritable bargain days of the year.

Now it is that nearly every department makes unusual efforts to quickly dispose of all odd lots and broken lines—often embracing some very desirable goods—and these efforts often result in remarkable price reductions.

Thousands of articles of all kinds go to make up these great clearing sales which are distributed all over the store. For instance, there are broken dozens, lines which we expect to discontinue, incomplete assortments, goods slightly soiled in displays, certain goods we do not wish to carry over, etc., etc. For various reasons we see fit to dispose of these goods at a sacrifice, notwithstanding the fact that in many instances they are in as perfect condition as they ever were, and from every standpoint are desirable merchandise.

Many people look forward to these annual clearing sales as an opportunity for economical buying. This year the after-Christmas sales take on an unusual significance, because of the unprecedented selling of the past season, and the consequently large quantities of odd lots and broken lines to be cleared up before inventory day.

Our Great After-Christmas Glove Clearing Sale Begins To-day

After a record-breaking Christmas season in our great Kid Glove Department, many broken lines and slightly soiled gloves remain, and the nearness to our semi-annual inventory prompts us to mark these lines at unusually low figures.

Our bargain prices at this time set a new standard for Glove Clearing Sale prices. Almost every kind of Gloves included—Glace and Suede, all colors, best styles.

While some of these gloves are reduced because they are soiled enough to be less desirable than formerly, yet the greater part of them are reduced merely for quick selling. Some colors and sizes missing from a style subjects the remainder to bargain prices. We do not wish to inventory broken lines.

On sale in both the main and basement departments. Too many lots to mention—might be gone before late comers arrived, but there are enough to supply the glove wants of thousands of persons.

Important Sale of Silk Remnants

For two reasons the Remnant Sale following Christmas is a most unusual opportunity for advantageous buying:

The unusually large accumulation of the choicest remnants, and

The near approach of inventory day.

To quickly dispose of such a large number of remnants, the prices have been marked much below our usual remnant prices.

Choice Remnants and Odd Lengths of Black, Colored and Novelty Silks, from 25c to $1.00 yard.

On sale in the Basement Branch Dept.

Special Sale of Velvets

Fancy Panne Velvets, at extremely low prices. This lot includes Pastels, Persians, Orientals, Tinsels, dots and floral effects; very appropriate for waists and dress necessaries, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00 yard.

Also about 800 yards 21-inch Pekin Panne in solid colors and 21-inch Ribbed Panne in solid colors; all the leading and desirable shades; a very special offering at $1.50 yard.

Basement—An excellent opportunity. 600 yards Pekin Stripes, a splendid article for waists, at the very low price of 50c yard.

Colored Dress Goods Remnants

Today begins the great annual after-Christmas sale of Colored Dress Goods Remnants. Every short length in stock marked at a special low price for the occasion.

The collection includes most all the favorite weaves of the season in lengths suitable for Women's Dress Skirts and Waists and Children's Dresses. Goods on sale in both Main and Basement Departments.

Main Dept. Waist lengths, $1.25 up. Skirt lengths, $2.50 up. Dress lengths, $3.50 up.

Basement Dept. Waist lengths, 75c up. Skirt lengths, $1.75 up. Dress lengths, $2.00 up.

Wash Dress Goods Remnants

Thousands of desirable Short Ends, accumulated from our Christmas season selling, in lengths from 1 to 10 yards, priced very low to close.

Pre-Inventory Clearing Sale Practical Ready-to-wear Hats

Unusual values—bargains never equaled except during our pre-inventory sales—coupled this season with an unusually large assortment of attractive styles.

There is no use in blaming the weather, no time to speculate as to why they have not sold, the clearing time has arrived, and in accordance with our policy of clearing the stock each season, they must be sold.

Disregarding former prices we have grouped them under Four special prices—25c, 75c, $1.45, $1.95.

Black Dress Goods Remnants

The accumulation of the holiday season, including all the leading fabrics, such as

Broadcloths, Serges, Venetians, Cheviots, Henriettas,

And all kinds of Black Fancy Weaves.

Every piece marked unusually low—even for remnants—to be closed out before inventory.

Pre-Inventory Clearing Sale of Women's Neckwear.

Ties, Scarfs, Stocks, Stock-Jabots, and Fancy Neckwear of all descriptions, at a discount of about 50%.

This includes several lines which we do not wish to invoice; also all Neckwear which has become slightly soiled from handling during the holiday season.

1st floor and basement branch department.

Great Ribbon Remnant Sale

The entire accumulation from our Great Holiday Sale, greater in number, greater in variety, and greater in value than ever before, to be disposed of at a price sacrifice, in both main and basement departments.

At About Half Usual Prices.

Remnants of plain and fancy Ribbons in popular weaves and shades—from ½ to 7 inches wide and up to 3 yards long.

Ribbons for all purposes can be secured at a saving in this sale. Every remnant is a bargain.

Annual Clearing Sale of Embroideries at Nearly ½ Former Prices

This event, which takes place at the close of each year, is looked forward to by lovers of fine embroideries as an opportunity to secure fine embroideries at the price of medium grades.

About 25,000 yards of fine Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries must be closed out by January 1st to make room for new importations. The collection includes some of the choicest designs bought this season.

Cambric Embroideries, 3c to 50c a yard.
Nainsook Embroideries, 6c to 75c a yard.
Swiss Embroideries, 10c to 95c a yard.

Skirting Remnants, 2 to 2¼ yard lengths, at $1.25, $1.75 and up per piece. Short lengths of All-Overs, Cambric, Nainsook and Swiss. Lace Combinations of Tuckings and Embroideries, at greatly reduced prices.

Basement—Embroideries at 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c yard.

A Clearing Sale of Center Pieces and Scarfs, used as samples, marked at nearly ½ price to close.

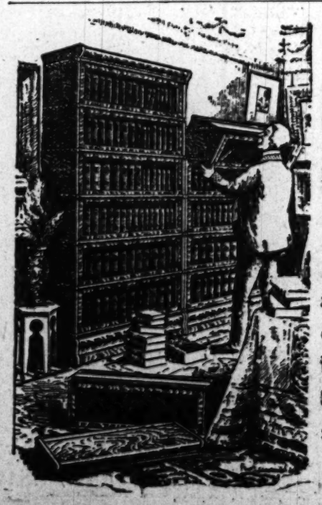
Pre-Inventory Stock-Reducing Sale of Women's and Misses' Jackets

Winter weather is just beginning, yet our semi-annual inventory is less than one week away. We intend that the stock shall be very much smaller then than now. Hence, this unusual Jacket opportunity. All of the tan, brown, blue and red Jackets at just half of the November prices.

Women's Jackets. All $40 Colored Jackets reduced to $20. All $30 Colored Jackets reduced to $15. All $25 Colored Jackets reduced to $12.50. All $18.50 Colored Jackets reduced to $9.25. $20 Black Kersey Jackets reduced to $12.50. $10 Black Kersey Jackets reduced to $5. $10 Oxford Cheviot Jackets reduced to $5.

Misses' Jackets. All Misses' Jackets reduced just half of November prices.

The above do not include Autocycle and Automobile Coats.



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